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## Schools need emergency link, DES head says

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

Floyd County Schools are in need of an emergency connection according to Disaster and Emergency Service (DES) coordinator Lon May. The Ides of March are upon us and severe weather could be approaching with no quick way to get an emergency alert to area schools.

In the event that a severe thunderstorm or tornado were approaching the county, it could take up to 45 minutes to reach every school, said May. That length of time may prove to be tragic for many area students.

May recently met with Floyd County State Manager Woodrow Carter in an effort to establish quicker communications. May suggested the system purchase alphanumeric pagers for each school office area.

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### Severe weather drill slated for tomorrow

A severe weather drill was announced last week to the public. That announcement was so a careful and proper training could take place at area schools.

The drill will focus on response times in area schools and the media has been asked to participate in the training. The mock disaster calls for schools, factories, hospitals, and nursing homes to participate.

Official emphasize the drill should be treated as if a real tornado were approaching. Students should know where to go and what to do.

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## Alleged attack victim misidentified

A story in Friday, March 3 edition of The Floyd County Times incorrectly identified the alleged victim of a domestic violence attack as the grandmother of her alleged attacker.

The story reported that Delbert Snodgrass of Ivel was arrested for allegedly attacking Wanda Snod-

grass. However, Wanda Snodgrass is not Delbert Snodgrass' grandmother, but is instead his wife.

The reporter covering the story based the identification on incorrect information obtained from a police log.

The Floyd County Times regrets the error.

### 'I Like Me'



On Tuesday, Judge Julie Paxton read Jacob Chaffins' (far right) book "I Like Me." Chaffins had indicated that Partick Johnson (front) and Evan Spradlin were his best friends, and they took part in the reading. BellSouth Pioneers provided the books, which tell the child's story and includes the name of the school, the principal and two friends. The three students are from Kristan Garrett's kindergarten class. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Combs backs bill to eliminate his job

by Jennifer Mullins and Jaime Howard  
EKU Journalism Students  
KPA News Bureau

A quiz for those of you who think you know your politics: Who are William Bailey, John E. Combs and Henry Spalding?

Not sure? They were on your ballot with the governor and other constitutional officers elected last November.

But if several senators have their way, Bailey, Combs and Spalding would be the last railroad commissioners to run for election.

Several senators are trying to derail the Railroad Commission by

asking voters to amend the state constitution to eliminate the elected positions.

The constitutionally-protected Railroad Commission stems from the populist movement of the 1880s, when the state's current constitution was rewritten.

Farmers were concerned that railroads had too much power over rates and the legislature. By giving the Railroad Commission constitutional status, reformers hoped to elevate its power and independence.

But 110 years later, many question the relevance of the sections of the Constitution, including one of the current commissioners himself.

Combs, of Hazard, said they do

"absolutely nothing." He has urged the legislature to abolish the commission on which he has served for 16 years.

Senate Bill 70 would do just that, placing the measure before the voters in November if both houses agree to propose it as an amendment. A companion measure, Senate Bill 69, proposes to put the duties of the Railroad Commission into the Transportation Cabinet. On March 2, it was placed on the Senate Consent Calendar, a list of bills presumed to have no opposition.

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## Briefs

### Local 'weather spotters' needed

Severe weather warnings often come from those not directly connected to the National Weather Service or local EMS services. Weather spotters are many times responsible for getting the word out quickly to the proper authorities.

Volunteers take a two-hour training course to inform them how to help their community in an incident of severe weather.

The Floyd County DES will be holding a Weather Spotter training session March 20 at the DES/E-911 building. Persons interested in taking the class should contact Lon May at 886-0498.

There are currently 800 Weather Spotters across the U.S., many of whom are storm chasers stationed in Tornado Alley.

### Public meetings

■ Allen City Council, regular meeting, 5 p.m. Monday



This model of a 50-foot humpback whale is on display at the post office in the old Sears building. Cathy Neeley from the East Kentucky Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology will take the model to local schools to conduct a unit on whales. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Commandments bills passes House

By Lisa Carnahan and Karla Dooley  
KPA News Bureau

Religion continued to be a dominant theme in the General Assembly this week as the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a bill that would allow the posting of the Ten Commandments under certain conditions.

House Bill 814, sponsored by J.C. "Bo" Ausmus, R-Middlesboro, allows the posting of The Ten Commandments, and other religious historical documents, as long as they are part of the curriculum of an elective course on comparative religion.

A school's site-based council could adopt an elective course on religion as long as that course does not "favor or disfavor" any particular religion. Any religious or scriptural texts could only be used as instructional material.

The bill is a compromise from Ausmus' original bill and push to get The Ten Commandments posted in schools. The new bill was drafted with the help of House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, who also co-sponsored the legislation.

"This bill says The Ten Commandments can be offered as part of a course of study on religion," said Stumbo. "If you think that through, there's no way you can talk about history and not talk about religion. But the posting of these religious documents, The Ten Commandments and others, won't solve the problems in our schools. It's not that simple."

Stumbo said the bill was drafted to specifically address the concern of constitutionality. He said language from Stone v. Graham, the U.S. Supreme Court Decision that removed The Ten Commandments from schools, was used. In that case, the justices cited certain cir-

cumstances in which the posting of the commandments might be acceptable.

"We took that language and put it in this bill," said Stumbo, who added he agreed to co-sponsor the compromise bill because it passed constitutional muster.

"I took an oath on the Bible to support the constitution," Stumbo said. "Not an oath on the constitution to support one religion over another."

Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, one of only three representatives to vote against the bill, said she understood the "purpose and intent" of the legislation but feared it would "open a Pandora's box" in local school districts. She said the bill could also open the state up to a myriad of lawsuits.

"I think it's time we step up to the plate and address the real crises in our schools: Terrible poverty, guns, drugs, racial hatred and

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hatred of gays and lesbians," said Marzian.

The bill now goes to the Senate which earlier passed a resolution to allow for posting of the Ten Commandments in a historical context.

Fetal rights

Abortion opponents and proponents packed a room this week where the House Judiciary Committee was holding a hearing on two bills that some say have nothing to do with abortion.

House Bills 378 and 379, filed by Reps. Joseph Fischer and Tom Kerr, respectively, would define life as beginning at conception. Fischer is a Republican from Fort Thomas and Kerr is a Democrat from Taylor Mill.

If a fetus dies at the hands of someone other than the mother or a physician (in the course of either an abortion or regular obstetrical care), a wrongful death suit could be filed under House Bill 378. House Bill 379 would allow the person to be charged with homicide.

Under current law, the infant has to be born alive before the assailant can be prosecuted.

Committee chairman Rep. Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, has said he does not plan to let the committee vote on the issue.

Jean Vincent of Greenville testified in favor of the legislation. When her son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Amy Vincent, were shot last year, Amy was pregnant with their second child.

"When (the murderer) took Amy's life, that unborn baby had no choice but to die," she said.

Carolyn Bratt, a University of Kentucky law professor, argued that the legislature can penalize those who kill unborn children without creating a debate over whether an unborn child is a "person." She suggested that Kentucky avoid a

"thicket of legal problems" by drafting legislation modeled after a bill passed in North Carolina last year. That law allows for enhanced penalties when a pregnant woman is attacked.

DUI

Three meetings have been held to debate House Bill 366, the primary DUI bill of this legislative session, but the House Judiciary Committee has yet to vote.

The bill would lower the state's presumed level of intoxication to .08 from .10. Other components include administrative revocation of driver's licenses, surrender of license plates for repeat offenders and an open-container prohibition.

Over 20 amendments have been filed to the bill.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Franklin, the bill's primary sponsor, said evidence shows that drivers who record a .08 are impaired.

".08 is under the influence. You are impaired at that level," said Wilkey. "Who knows exactly what 'drunk' is. But you don't have to be commode-hugging, knee-crawling, Jimmy Buffet-drunk to be impaired and not get behind the wheel of a car."

On Feb. 14, Wilkey and the bill's co-sponsor, Jack Coleman, D-Burgin, participated in a study that recorded alcohol intake and then BAC levels. Kentucky State Police officers administered the breathalyzer tests and also conducted field sobriety tests of the participants.

Wilkey and Coleman told committee members they each consumed five beers in approximately an hour on an empty stomach. Both men recorded just under a .08 when given the breathalyzer 20 minutes later. Both men failed the field sobriety tests. A driving simulator was also set up to test participants' skills before and after they drank.

"My reaction time was slowed

significantly," said Wilkey. "There's no way I would have gotten behind the wheel of a car. There's only one reason to vote against this and that's if you believe you are not impaired at .08. But the medical evidence clearly indicates you are impaired. This is not fabricated. It's reality."

If the DUI bill fails, Kentucky stands to lose millions for road construction, according to Transportation Secretary James Codell. If open container restrictions and license revocation are not passed, Kentucky will lose \$72 million in federal highway monies for state road construction. The money would instead have to be spent on highway safety programs.

Teen smoking

A bill intended to curb teen smoking, House Bill 10, sponsored by Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, has been passed by both the House and Senate.

Under the bill, officers can seize and destroy tobacco products being used by minors, but an amendment passed by the Senate qualifies that the products must be in plain sight. The House will now vote on the amendment.

The bill passed 25-8 in the Senate.

One of the "no" votes was cast by Sen. Vernie McGahan, R-Russell Springs, who said the bill was an attempt to "demonize" tobacco.

Another came from Sen. Bob Leeper, R-Paducah, who said he feared the legislation might make youth want to smoke even more.

"They might not smoke in front of a cop after this bill is passed," he said. "But they're going to smoke because it's an adult activity."

Sen. Julie Rose, R-Louisville, introduced the bill in the Senate and told of a time last year when she told a young boy who was smoking on a sidewalk that smoking was

illegal. "Lady, you don't know the law," she said he replied, noting that it is currently illegal for those under 18 to purchase tobacco products.

"You know what I told that young man?" Rose asked, shaking her finger. "We can fix that."

Campaign finance

If a 5-4 committee vote is any indication of things to come, a bill that would make major changes to the state's laws on gubernatorial campaign financing could be the subject of a major partisan battle.

House Bill 750, sponsored by House Majority Whip Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, was approved in the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, with the three Republicans on the committee voting against the measure.

It would, among other changes, allow political parties to raise only \$1 million in a general election to support a candidate for governor. The state would provide up to another \$1 million to each party in matching funds.

Individual candidates already receive a 2-to-1 match and face a spending cap under legislation passed in 1992.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller testified in favor of the bill, saying "young people across the state are frustrated" because of spending practices.

Several citizens testified in opposition to the bill, but their comments focused primarily on topics not covered in it.

"We don't need to make more laws," said Norman Davis, who managed Gatewood Galbraith's 1999 campaign for governor. "We just need to enforce the laws that we have."

He alleged that Gov. Paul Patton raised \$635,000 after the deadline had passed and has filed a complaint that is pending.

Several others argued that the state needs to address the issue of political endorsements offered by media outlets.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Insurance

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee heard from opponents of a volatile health insurance bill this week.

House Bill 617, sponsored by House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Rep. Steven Riggs, D-Louisville, would create a state-funded pool through which those with high-cost health problems would purchase insurance.

The plan, which is called Kentucky Access, would place a \$1 million lifetime cap on benefits offered. It would also be open to those who were denied small group or individual insurance policies two times.

State Insurance Commissioner George Nichols has said he may change the cap in the wake of an outcry from insurance advocates, who say the pool discriminates against the most ill citizens by separating them from the rest of the insurance market.

Nelle Lewis, a member of the Health Care Reform Coalition, which has opposed the measure, told the committee that the state could better spend its money by extending Medicaid coverage to more Kentuckians and thereby drawing in more federal funds.

"One million dollars for your whole lifetime is not much," she said. "(After you reach the cap) you can't buy insurance. You go bankrupt."

Sovereign immunity

A bill that would allow citizens to collect damages from public entities to the extent that they are covered by liability insurance is currently pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

The committee took testimony on House Bill 602, sponsored by Barrows, but has not taken a vote on it.

While Barrows and others contend that the state is pouring money into insurance policies that refuse to pay claims based on the defense of sovereign immunity, opponents argue that doing away with it would drive up insurance rates for state agencies.

Lindsay, the committee chairman, has drafted a substitute to the bill and submitted it to Barrows for consideration. He says it would allow counties and school districts to retain their immunity.

Abandoned babies

The Senate passed a bill that would allow mothers to turn their newborn infants over to emergency room workers, police or firefight-

ers. Senate Bill 188, sponsored by Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, is intended to prevent mothers from simply leaving their babies to die in dumpsters, beside the road or on doorsteps.

"If you could have a bouncing baby as opposed to a dead infant, which would you choose?" Buford asked.

Mothers would not face prosecution for child abuse or abandonment unless there were physical signs of abuse or neglect.

The bill is modeled after laws in Alabama and Texas, and Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, told the legislators that five infants have been turned in since Alabama adopted its law two years ago.

Although the bill passed on a vote of 37-0, Sen. Dan Seum, R-Louisville, voiced concern that the father and grandparents would be prevented from claiming the child.

"As usual, we're eliminating the dad," he said.

The bill will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

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Patton has voiced his support for a measure that would attempt to provide a safe source of drinking water to all Kentuckians within 20 years. Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly introduced the initiative on the last day to file a bill.

The bill would make an appropriation for the initiative and require Area Development Districts to create water management areas and hire water service coordinators to undertake planning for meeting the goal.

Each county would also be responsible for looking for ways to provide good quality water to its citizens.

"A safe source of drinking water may not seem like an important issue," Patton said, "unless you are one of the many Kentuckians without access to potable drinking water."

The Senate has passed a measure that would give child support collectors more options for getting the funds out of parents who make a habit of not paying.

The bill sets up procedures whereby the state can impound the parent's car, take a driver's license or confiscate lottery winnings for failure to pay. Grandparents might also have to pay child support if their teenage children become parents.

Senate Bill 218, sponsored by Sen. David Karem, D-Louisville, passed 35-1. The one dissenting vote was cast by Seum, who said the bill was "criminalizing grandparents."

The remaining 23 school districts in the state would be forced to join the 153 districts that require criminal background checks for volunteers under a bill that's won approval in the House. Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, sponsored the bill that would make it mandatory for any volunteer who works in a school on a regular or continuing basis to submit to a background check. It passed the House on a vote of 85-10.

A bill intended to put a human voice back on the state's telephone lines is back. Rep. Howard Cornett's House Bill 57 was approved by the House State Government Committee and will now be considered on the House floor. The bill had failed in the committee a week earlier, when it would have required that state phones be answered by an employee rather than an answering machine. The version of the bill approved by the committee would require the agencies to have employees answer phone calls "to the extent possible." If a machine is used, the option to

speaking with an operator would have to be given first on the menu of choices.

Whether the legislature should limit the number of bills a member of the General Assembly can introduce in a session would be the subject of a study under a resolution approved by the House State Government Committee. House Concurrent Resolution 54 was filed by Rep. Woody Allen, who said a cap would help legislators avoid voting on bills without understanding them.

"I think we get too much legislation," he said.

A bill allowing Kentucky banks to open branches outside their home counties has passed both the House and Senate and now awaits the governor's signature.

A bill aimed at cracking down on sexual offenses passed in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 263, sponsored by Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, would prohibit shock probation for violent sex offenders and limit the circumstances under which they would be granted probation.

The bill would also require that offenders register under Megan's Law if a judge determined that their crime was sexually motivated. The one-year statute of limitations for marital rape would be abolished, and the definitions of rape and sodomy would be expanded.

Legislators and state employees hired after August 1 who are convicted of a work-related felony, such as embezzlement, would lose their retirement and insurance benefits under a bill approved in the House State Government Committee.

Corrections employees who have routine "face to face contact" with inmates would receive a salary increase of \$100 per month after five, 10 and 15 years of service under a bill approved in the House State Government Committee. Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, hopes the bill will help curb the high rate of turnover in the system.

Patients testing positive for the HIV virus would have identifying information other than their names reported to the state Center for Disease Control under a bill passed in the Senate. Although Sen. Richard Roeding, R-Lakeside Park, argued for requiring the patient's name to be reported, an amendment to the contrary passed narrowly by a voice vote.

Sen. Gerald Neal, who sponsored the bill, said the information is necessary in order for the state to receive federal funds that will be used to fight the disease.

Senate Bill 227 would also strengthen the services the state offers to HIV/AIDS patients and appropriate over \$2 million to the cause over the next two years. Six other AIDS/HIV-related bills have also been filed.

The House Judiciary Committee has approved a bill making it a Class D felony offense to have sexual relations with a dead person. House Bill 685 is sponsored by Rep. Gross Lindsay.

A resolution requiring the POW/MIA flag to be flown daily at the state Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Frankfort passed in the Senate.

A bill aimed at increasing the state's services for homeless veterans passed unanimously in the Senate. Miss America Heather Renee French came to the Capitol last month to lobby in favor of House Bill 295.

A bill that would require all public schools to observe the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King Day has advanced to the Senate. House Bill 347 was passed unanimously in the House of Representatives.

Drill

Should severe weather strike your area, the National Weather Service and the Floyd County DES have prepared a few safety tips.

During the approach of a tornado you should stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Always protect your head and chest.

In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest level, closets, bathrooms or interior halls. Get under something sturdy.

In schools and nursing homes, hospitals, factories and shopping centers, go to predesignated shelter areas, interior small rooms or hallways.

In highrise buildings, go to the interior small rooms or hallways.

In mobile homes or vehicles, leave and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or

culvert with your hands shielding your head.

According to Lon May, DES coordinator, a tornado watch means that tornadoes and severe weather are possible. During a watch, you should be making plans with students, staff, employees and family members on what you need to do if bad weather approaches.

A tornado warning means a tornado has been spotted or detected by radar. When a warning is given, take shelter immediately, said May.



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## Students go to China

The Great Wall and Tiananmen Square are among the sites that Morehead State University students will see when the Symphony Band and Percussion Ensemble visit China.

"The groups will perform at least five times while on tour including concerts at prestigious concert halls, universities and schools," said Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands.

During the March 9-18 trip, students will visit some of the oldest sites in the world including the Ming Tombs, the burial place for the Ming dynasty, and the Forbidden City, the home to past Chinese emperors.

The tour will center primarily in Beijing, the capital, which is home to more than 12 million and covers 6,488 square miles.

University donors helped make the learning experience possible. "More than 1,800 contributors have provided sponsorship for our students," Miles said.

Among the 77 students who will make the trip are two students from Prestonsburg.

Jeanie Marie Branham is a junior music education major. The daughter of Eugene and Mary Branham, she is a member of the Symphony and Marching bands, Clarinet Choir, Sigma Alpha Iota international music fraternity and the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference.

Jimmy Shepherd is a senior music major. The son of Jim and Judy Shepherd, he is a member of the Symphony Band.

Additional information is available from Miles at 606/783-2485.

## Schools

The DES office is equipped to follow severe weather closely through the use of a satellite uplink to the National Weather Service. The pagers would allow the DES to contact all area schools within minutes from that office in the event severe weather were on its way.

While tornadoes are extremely rare in the mountains, the past few years have shown they can occur inside the valleys. The city of Allen is believed to have had on touch down last April.

And resources at May's reach

can make response times and emergency evacuations quicker for area students and staff. The alphanumeric pagers would allow messages to be typed into a computer terminal and sent out within minutes, allowing school personnel to act quickly.

Governor Paul Patton declared the month of March as Severe Storms Preparedness Month. May and Jim Keeny of the National Weather Service met with school principals this week to emphasize the need for schools to be prepared for extreme weather.

## Combs

Commission feel lawmakers are going down the wrong track with the two bills.

Executive secretary Angie Carpenter said, "I just don't think people realize the hard work and dedication that agency has."

"Most people can't afford an attorney when a railroad crossing is in bad shape and tears up a car or something. We help people, who could probably not get help otherwise," said Carpenter.

Carpenter, who has worked for the commission for 10 years, staffs a small office in downtown Frankfort.

Another Commission employee is Frankfort attorney and consultant Stephen Sanders, who handles the administrative duties. Sanders said he doesn't feel the Transportation Cabinet could do or would want to do the same job for the little that the commission gets paid.

"The entire Commission works off of \$70,000 a year," Sanders said. "That includes salaries for everyone who works here, including the commissioners."

Sanders said that the Commission was established in 1891, and is set up to enforce regu-

lations and maintenance problems concerning railroad crossings and crossing safety.

Bailey, who as chairman of the Commission makes about \$3,000 a year, said he and Sanders meet monthly to deal with many complaints about the railroad.

The third commissioner Henry Spalding was in Florida and could not be reached for this story.

In 1992 Kentucky voters rejected the last attempt to eliminate the election of Railroad Commissioners.

Sanders said he feels the same thing will happen if the proposal is put on the ballot again this year.

"The voters didn't go for this before, and I don't believe they will now," said Sanders.

But the ballot question in 1992 also included eliminating the elected offices of Agriculture Commissioner, State Treasurer and Secretary of State.

This proposal, which would be on the ballot in fall 2000 if passed, deals exclusively with the Railroad Commission — which, based on its small budget and lack of authority, says Commissioner Combs, "ain't nothing but a hill of beans."

# Your food allergies: Making you fat?

(NAPSA)—Every day, thousands of Americans resolve to lose weight and "eat healthier." What many of these people don't realize, asserts a new book, is that these battles may be lost before they're ever begun.

That's because these personal crusades have a hidden enemy: food intolerance. Even such wholesome foods as fruits, fish and wheat can be triggers that cause the body to change its metabolic processes. Not only can this cause the body to resist weight loss, but it may also lead to medical conditions ranging from migraines to fatigue, from eczema to arthritis. Plus, being overweight is considered a risk factor for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other diseases.

Discovering your own personal food intolerances, and eliminating those foods from your diet, are key factors in losing weight and main-

taining overall good health. That's the message behind "Your Hidden Food Allergies are Making You Fat" (Prima Publishing, \$15), by Rudy Rivera, M.D., and Roger D. Deutsch.

A complex biological process, food intolerance is, simply stated, an individualized biochemical sensitivity to foods that might otherwise be wholesome and harmless. This sensitivity causes the immune system to react as if it were protecting the body from an enemy such as a bacteria, virus or parasite. This reaction causes intricate systems within the body to begin malfunctioning.

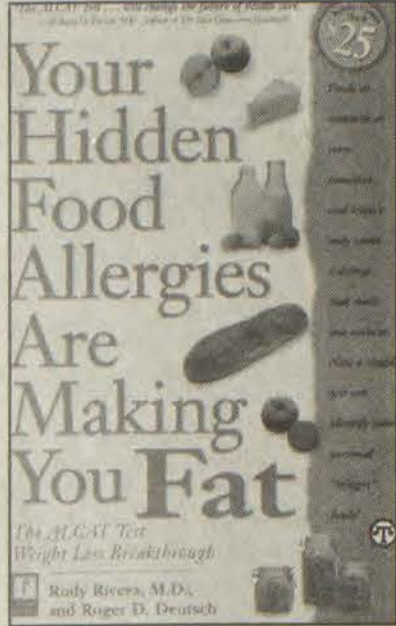
"Food intolerance and allergy have become an increasingly serious problem in recent decades," says James C. Breneman, M.D. "Food allergy might be the cause or aggravation of almost any disorder, and, often enough, it is the cause."

Ultimately, no drug, no medical therapy and no diet alone can improve your health or help you lose weight, the authors write, if you continue to bombard your body with your own personal poison.

In addition, the book details some interesting scientific studies. In one, women who addressed their food intolerances were able to not only lose weight but lost fat from their thighs—something they had previously been unable to accomplish.

People can determine their food intolerances with the help of a simple blood test. The procedure, called the ALCAT Test, is interpreted by a computer for objective and reproducible results.

"Your Hidden Food Allergies are Making You Fat" is available at bookstores, online at [www.alcat.com](http://www.alcat.com) or by calling 800-881-2685.



A new book indicates that food intolerances may make weight loss difficult, and could cause other medical problems.

## Tourism impacts everyone's bottom line, says AAA

If you don't think that travel impacts your life, think again. Without the tax revenues generated by America's travel and tourism industry, each U.S. household could be paying an additional \$806 in

taxes per year, according to AAA.

"Travel and tourism is this country's third largest retail industry generating more than \$541 billion in sales and employing 7.6 million people," said Dan Dickson, public

relations manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

"The \$82 billion the travel and tourism industry generates in tax revenue for federal, state and local governments comes back to help all of us."

On a state level, Kentucky's expenditures on domestic and international travel was more than \$4.7 billion. The number of jobs in Kentucky that were created by the travel industry topped the 100,000 mark.

"Clearly, tourism is a major industry in Kentucky," said Dickson. "The tax revenue it generates for our communities and the

jobs it provides our citizens, simply can't be downplayed."

During the week of May 7-13, AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky will join other leading industry organizations in celebration of the 17th annual National Tourism Week.

AAA has been promoting travel and tourism since it was founded in 1902. It has provided professional travel assistance to its members since the automobile was in its infancy and commercial air travel was just a dream.

AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky has two travel offices in Lexington, as well as offices in Frankfort, Danville and the Ashland area.

## Legislators reach tobacco settlement compromise

FRANKFORT - Legislators have reached a compromise on the question of how to distribute a large portion of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (Phase I).

At issue is the portion of the settlement money to help Kentucky farmers. Earlier, a division had arisen between legislators who wanted control of the funds to stay predominantly in Frankfort, and those who wanted more local control of the money.

In its original form, House Bill 611 provided for the tobacco settlement funds to be controlled by a statewide committee based in Frankfort. Another faction, led by Rep. Pete Worthington, preferred that the funds be returned to tobacco-producing communities, where local advisory boards would determine how the money should be spent.

The two sides have now reached a compromise under which the money would be divided into three equal portions. One-third would be sent to individual counties with local control under a formula based on each county's current dependence on tobacco. Another third would be allocated to counties under the same formula, but spending plans for this portion would need the approval of a nine-member statewide board. The final third would remain in Frankfort and be controlled by that board.

"I'm very pleased that we were able to reach a compromise," Worthington said. "It is critical that we spend this money wisely and in ways that will bring the greatest benefit to our tobacco farmers. This plan divides the money evenly and in the fairest way possible."

The House is expected to vote on the measure next week.

## Getting computer help, both online and on-Site

(NAPSA)—For most people computers offer the opportunity to speed up their lives, making it easier and more convenient to manage personal finances, shop, get news, sports and other information, and explore the world via the Web.

But when there's a problem with the computer—such as an unknown error message, an incompatible piece of hardware, or a system crash—things tend to grind to a halt.

When that happens, there are basically five ways to get computer help:

1. Read the manual and help files. Of course, if you wanted to do this, you'd have done it already and probably wouldn't be having the trouble in the first place. Also, it's not exactly a quick solution.

2. Email the computer company. An effective way of communicating your problem, but the average response time tends to be about two to three days.

3. Call the company's tech-support line. A helpful resource that can put you in touch with a friendly, knowledgeable person—if you can ever get through. Most tech-support lines have nefariously long delays.

4. Visit the company's online forum or Web site, where frequently asked questions (FAQs), troubleshooting guides and more are available. However, if your problem isn't covered, you're out of luck.

5. Contact an online, third-party help source on the Internet. With a click of the mouse, these sites give computer users access to written support material, message boards, volunteer experts and other resources to help get their computer up and running again fast.

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# Viewpoint

## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too, can become great.

Mark Twain—

Sunday, March 5, 2000 A4

## Editorial

### Take them out of the ballgame

A children's sports association in Jupiter, Fla., has come up with an apt solution for parents who rant at officials, curse at young players or, in the extreme case, get physical when they're unhappy with the way a game is going. Listen up: Two strikes and you're out, You and your kid, too.

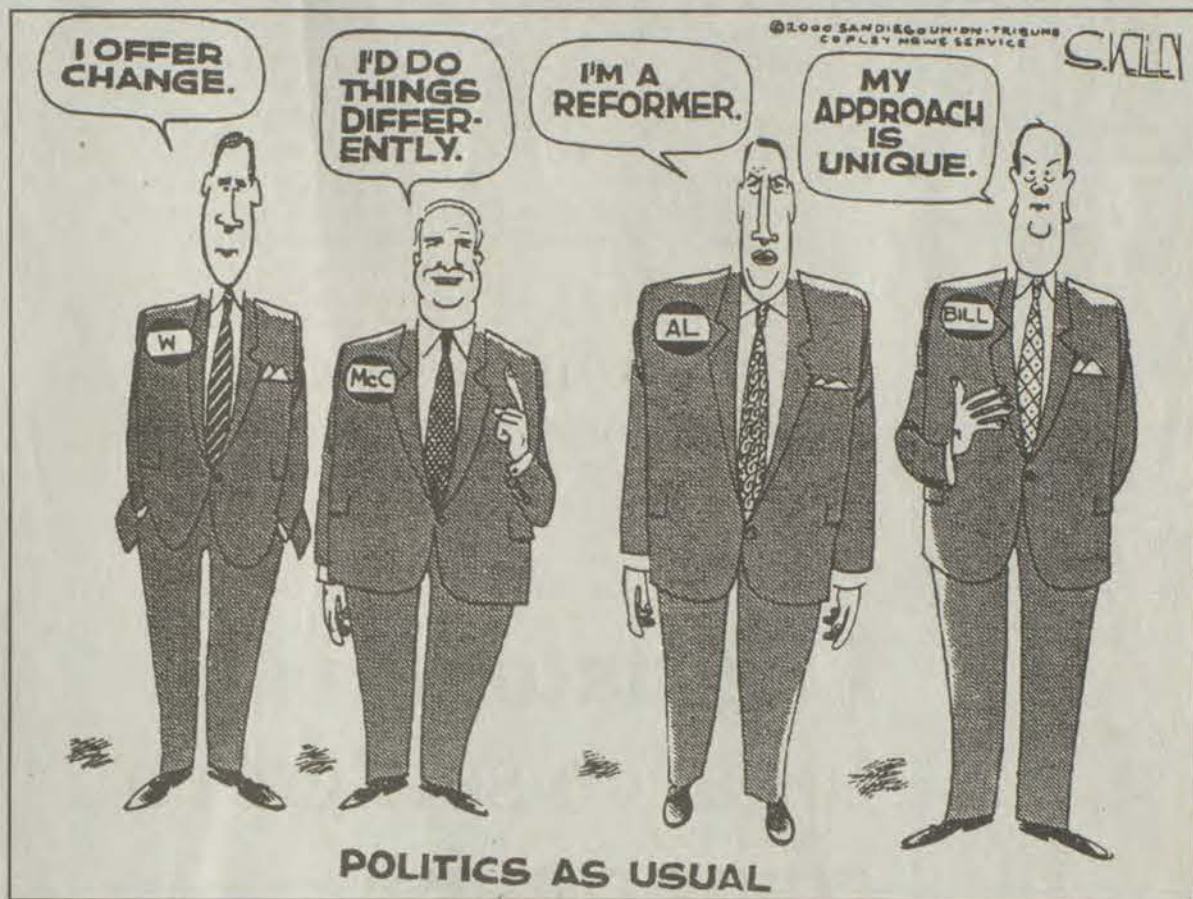
But don't get the wrong idea. The Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association, which sponsors basketball, soccer, football, softball and baseball for 6,000 boys and girls, is not eager to ban people. Its focus is to foster civil behavior.

Thus, it insists at the outset of a child's participation that parents who want to attend games must first watch a 19-minute video on the responsibilities of young athletes' parents. They also must sign an 11-point code of ethics, promising to behave.

If they break that pledge once, they have an opportunity — just one — to repeat the video-viewing and code-signing. A second violation results in the permanent ouster of them and the child.

A tough stance? Yes. But anyone who has seen a nominal adult turn into a screaming banshee at a youth-league event ought to appreciate what the association is trying to do. Even under the best of circumstances, children in these games are already under plenty of pressure to perform well and learn sportsmanship. They don't need the additional trauma of seeing someone twice their age and size fly off the handle.

— The Omaha World-Herald



## Letters to the Editor

### Gas tax would hurt the poor

Editor:

Den Hunter speaks out once again, this time on the gas prices. And to think as high as they are now, our government system wants another seven cents to the gallon. I indeed think this wrong because this will not only affect gas, it will affect the prices of food also. The prices will rise extremely. The freight of our food being shipped in will rise because of the gas prices. The poor people will suffer.

For example, take the people who are working for minimum wage. After they take out their car insurance and gas to get to and from work, they will not have any money left for food or their bills. The attendance in schools will go down because these parents who provide transportation for their children to school may not be able to afford these gas prices.

In my opinion, I think our leaders want us to go back to a horse and wagon, park our cars and cancel our insurance. Then we can take the money we

saved from gas and buy food for our children and buy them clothes. These children may have to walk to school a few miles like we did 40 years ago.

These gas companies just don't care, as long as they don't have to suffer. All they want is more money. They basically don't care about the poor people or about the coal miners. How is the backbone of our country going to support us? I think next election we should come together as a community and elect someone that will be for our community and not for the big companies.

Don't use the gas taxes for roads. Use the coal severance taxes for roads, water and sewage. I personally think that the gas prices are too high already.

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### Get rid of the 'fat cats'

Editor:

I have been thinking about the 911. Seems like our fat cats have run out of money and want to rob the poor again to feather their nests. I will not pay it, and I hope that no one else does. I know people who don't even have a telephone and can't afford it. They do well to feed their family. I wonder how many fat cats in our county office ever think about the poor people?

It made me sick when I read where they all gave themselves a raise, taking our tax money, and we have to beg for a gravel and can't get it. I don't see how they could sleep. Many of our people in Left Beaver Creek don't have city water. All they ever hear is, "Vote for me and I will help you." Looks like they would get tired of them same old lies. We could make a change if everyone would vote for something different. At least try it. We've had the same old stuff too long.

I have heard the "bottle bill" so much it has made me sick. I am going to contact Hal Rogers and see if I can start a tree bill. He may give me a grant. I will

get someone to clean the trees out of Left Beaver Creek. The creek needs the trees out. Our fat cats were going to do that years ago, and they haven't moved one yet! I wonder where the money went that they got to do that? Ha! They spent the money looking for rusty beer cans on the hill, or for a bag of garbage that didn't mean anything.

You can't even hook up a trailer anymore. I had an empty septic tank, leech bed and all, and had to pay \$250 to get it inspected. They made me dig out both ends of the tank and put 1,000 gallons of water in it. Can you believe that? You talk about a money racket.

Our county has gone to the dogs. We, the honest people, are going to have to stand up and let them know we are still living and quit voting for the same old bunch. Let's try something different. I would like to see some of our fat cats have to go to an outside toilet like we did for years. They sure don't care for the poor. Every dog has his day. The sooner, the better.

Nora Martin  
Hunter

## Guest Column

### Authors urge Congress to build on President's budget proposal

from Independent Budget

While President Clinton's budget proposal to increase spending for medical care and benefits programs for veterans and their families is "a significant step toward enabling the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to care for veterans, it is still significantly less than needed," stated the authors of the Independent Budget.

President Clinton's fiscal year 2001 budget plan, being readied for Congress, purportedly will seek a \$1.355 billion increase for veterans' health care.

However, the Independent Budget—produced by AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars—found the Administration's proposal will be about \$500 million below what is needed to adequately fund veterans' health care and services.

The authors urged Congress to "fill the funding gap so the needs of our nation's veterans can be properly met." Of equal importance, the Independent Budget calls on Congress and the Administration to

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



### We have an opportunity

In the unlikely event you follow this column on a regular basis, one thing you will have noticed is that I tend to stay on our public officials to embrace the enormous changes brought about by technological advances, particularly the advent of the internet.

Some have wondered why I do this, figuring the hoopla surrounding the 'net is just so much hype and that "little old Floyd County" is too small and too backward to merit making any investment in it.

While there is some truth to the former argument, there is also no mistaking the phenomenal growth of the internet as a business tool over the past five years. As for the second, that we're too small and too backward, that simply is not the case.

Once upon a time, the internet was the domain of techno-geeks comfortable with a command-line interface. But these days any bozo not only can surf the web, but also establish their own website with minimal time, effort or money.

And the internet could also chart a new course for our region in terms of economic development. How many new millionaires have found their fortunes in cyberspace? Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and those two kids who started Yahoo! were all told, at one time or another, that they were insane, that their ideas would never work. But look at them today.

It isn't likely that there will be too many more overnight multimillionaires made on the internet, much less that one could arise from Floyd County. But the web is now an accepted business model, one which could pump new money into our region and give a decent living to folks around here with no other hopes.

There is just so much we could and should be doing to promote e-commerce in our community, but we're not. You cannot even find that lowest common denominator of the internet, a homepage, for our county government or any of our cities. That's sad.

As I have said before, our region is on a level playing field with the rest of the world when it comes to electronic commerce. For that reason alone, we should be trying to encourage such businesses.

We cannot say that about any other means of development. Our industrial parks grow nothing but weeds, and tourism does not provide the types of jobs our families need.

Enough rhetoric, you say. What can we actually do with the internet which will make any of us better off? Here are some of my ideas, and I am by no means a visionary at this sort of thing. There are certainly far better ideas out there; unfortunately, no one is looking for them.

Promote existing methods of economic development. Our county should have a website devoted to industrial recruitment, listing those aforementioned industrial parks and outlining the types of incentives we can offer corporations who open up shop here. We also need to see a tourism gateway site to promote our region to those who are not that familiar with it. The Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and Thunder Ridge already have websites, but how many people outside of this area would know that they even exist, much less to look them up on the web? Finally, our county and city governments need to cre-

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# Investing in safety at work

By Morton Bahr

(NAPSA)-Every year, 1.8 million American workers suffer painful, potentially disabling injuries simply by doing their jobs.

They are victims of computers and assembly lines, of any job that demands repetitive motion for hours on end. What may start as a hand cramp or back ache can turn into a chronic illness. Raking leaves, riding a bicycle, shifting a manual transmission, even brushing your teeth, can mean agony.

The federal Occupational Health & Safety Administration wants to help. OSHA is proposing an "ergonomics" rule for 1.9 million work sites nationwide, requiring employers to see that work areas are a good fit for each employee.

That means workers shouldn't have to reach too high, stretch too far, or carry too much. It means their chairs can be adjusted so feet touch the floor and backs are supported. It means computer stations designed for a minimum of eye strain and wrist pain.

The upgrades would cost about

\$4.2 billion a year, but annual savings in workers' compensation and related costs would be more than twice that—\$9 billion—OSHA estimates. Hundreds of thousands of workers could be spared life-altering injuries.

In spite of that, the proposal faces a bitter challenge from major business groups and their congressional allies. Business leaders have fought OSHA every step of the way on this issue. Last year, the Republican-led House of Representatives tried to pass an anti-worker bill to delay the ergonomics initiative, but Senate Democrats kept the bill from going forward.

Last fall, OSHA announced the proposed ergonomics rule and is holding three public hearings this spring. A final rule is expected by year's end.

My union, the Communications Workers of America, has been proud to be part of the fight for safe, healthy work environments. CWA did pioneering studies with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and universities as early as 1979

looking at repetitive strain injuries. Our research and other studies leave no doubt about the need for an ergonomic standard.

But if science doesn't persuade you, consider three real-life stories: A telephone worker in Maryland, Debra Teske, suffers from severe carpal tunnel syndrome from years of keyboarding at a poorly designed workstation. She used to love to garden and bicycle. Now grasping the tools and handlebars hurts too much.

In Delaware, nine years on a chicken processing line has left 41-year-old Walt Frazier with crippled hands, back pain and chronic arthritis. He can't even lift his granddaughter. In Massachusetts, nurse Beth Pickett lost her career when she suffered a disabling back injury moving a patient, an injury that proper lifting devices could have prevented.

These are real people in real distress, just like millions of other victims of repetitive motion injuries. Their stories could be yours, your child's, your friend's or neighbor's. Talk to your employer, your union, your local government and write your representatives in Washington. Let them know that the OSHA rule is important to you.

Read more about ergonomics and the proposed rule at the CWA website at [www.cwa-union.org](http://www.cwa-union.org) or at OSHA's site, [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

Morton Bahr is president of the Communications Workers of America, representing 630,000 workers in telecommunications, information technology, journalism, broadcasting, publishing, airline passenger service and the public sector.

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KY Medical Services Foundation Inc. vs. Rita S. Scott, debt collection.

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Gold Key Lease vs. Margie Maynard, petition for dissolution of marriage.

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for dissolution of marriage.  
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Candy Sparks vs. Willie Sparks, petition for child support and health care.

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Joe E. Howard Jr. vs. CSX Transportation Inc. et al, personal injury.

Annet Hamilton Flanery vs. James R. Flanery, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vickie Jo May Osborne vs. John David Osborne, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Community Trust Bank vs. George L. Akers et al, petition for debt collection.

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Members of the legal profession depend on having expert reports, witness interviews and other documents available at a moment's notice. In order to maintain accurate and complete legal files, law offices often consume an excessive amount of paper. Scanners give these and other businesses a convenient and reliable solution for copying, exchanging and filing documents.

Muchmore & Wallwork, a law office in Phoenix, uses an HP ScanJet 6350C to operate more efficiently and cost-effectively.

"Scanners will change the way law offices operate," says attorney Nicholas Wallwork, who recommends a scanner for every workplace. "Law offices are very paper-oriented and the ScanJet 6350C allows us to send images of documents to everyone working on a case. We save paper and we can dedicate more time to legal issues."

Attorney Michael Arkfeld also encourages scanning documents in the workplace since it enables him to focus on practicing law, not paper distribution.

"The goal should be to spend more time analyzing information and less time organizing and looking for it," he says. "The only alternative to paper management is to efficiently 'digitally' prepare your case."

When documents are scanned into a computer, a digital image is created and converted into searchable text with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. OCR gives users the ability to search



Order in the court-and in the law office-may be easier to maintain with the reduced "paper chase" created by using scanners.

through and analyze the content of scanned documents. In a law office, this enables individuals to easily find key words in a deposition or interrogation.

Since most cases require a substantial amount of factual and legal information, a scanner must be able to meet demanding documentation needs. Many professional scanners now also feature an automatic document feeder (ADF) that can handle multiple pages. The large paper capacity of the ADF allows lengthy documents such as a trial transcript to be easily scanned into a computer.

Scanning documents to a desktop computer is already having a positive impact on the law office of Muchmore & Wallwork. The ability to copy, store and share documents via a scanner and computer is compelling many other law firms to rethink traditional office practices. As law offices transition into the "digital" practice of law, scanners will play a significant role in how information is managed.

How confident are attorneys Wallwork and Arkfeld about the scanner as the legal tool of the future? Beyond a reasonable doubt.

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## Pen

ate a website which explains why our community is such a good place to live in order to ensure we land our fair share of the families who will be moving to this area to staff the new federal prison. Those people are looking for places to live now.

• Create an online arts and crafts guild so that local artisans have a means to sell their wares to the world through secure transactions over the web. Appalachian crafts are popular the world over. The only problem is that currently you have to come to Appalachia to get them.

• Establish a virtual business district in order to give local small businesses which lack the expertise a means to set up shop on the inter-

net. Charge the businesses a modest fee, perhaps between three and five percent of their online sales, in order to host their websites and provide them with secure electronic commerce.

• Closely related to the virtual business district, utilize vacant downtown office space or even the unused space in the old courthouse to serve as an e-business incubator, so that local folks with e-commerce ideas can be given the office space and technological infrastructure they need to get on their feet and on their way to success. Such an enterprise would be far cheaper than giving away land and tax breaks to fickle, low-wage manufacturers who will move away once another community offers them a way to save another buck.

Those are a few of my ideas, but like I said, there are many more possibilities, if we only pursue them. Right now, we're not, and places our region in very real danger of being passed by once again, only this time there is no reason for it other than the fact that we have, so far, lacked the vision to take advantage of a golden opportunity.



After 29 years, American inventor Gordon Gould finally received a patent for the laser in 1986.

## PCC registers for Flex-Track session

Prestonsburg Community College is offering an eight-week Flex Track session, beginning March 6, for those who want to work toward a college degree.

The Flex Track program is designed primarily for working adults who must schedule other activities around their jobs. The Flex Track schedule consists of regular college courses compressed into shorter time frames at flexible hours.

Courses are scheduled for fewer sessions of longer duration to permit completion of the regular course material within an eight-week period.

Classes to be offered on the Prestonsburg campus during the Spring Flex Track session include Weight Training & Conditioning, Advanced Walking, Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Low Impact Aerobics, Selected Topics in Law Enforcement (Narcotics) and Chemistry.

Current full-time students may add any number of Flex Track courses at no additional charge. Others may register for 12 or more credit hours during the Flex Track session at a cost of \$685.75 for resident students and \$1,785.75 for non-residents.

New students may register for 11

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make a multi-year funding commitment to shore up veterans health care.

After years of straight-line funding, veteran's health care can get only temporary relief from one or two-year budget increases. This makes it impossible for VA managers to develop long-term plans that will allow them to make critical decisions such as hiring needed doctors and nurses, not knowing if funding will be there from one year to the next.

According to the report's authors, the VA is mandated to provide additional services that will cost more than the proposed administration increase.

For example, to cover the cost of newly enacted initiatives, the Independent Budget found the VA will need \$729 million to cover the cost of veterans' emergency medical care and long-term care, and a further \$240 million for treatment for veterans suffering from hepatitis C related to their military service.

An additional \$871 million is needed for salary and other mandatory increases. In total, the Independent Budget calls for a \$1.916 billion increase in medical care, which includes \$65 million in medical research and \$11 million for medical support services.

Over the past decade, federal spending for veterans' health care has fallen dramatically short of keeping pace with medical inflation and associated cost increases. These shortfalls have forced VA medical facilities nationwide to cut services, delay and even deny care to veterans in need.

Without appropriate funding, the VA, created to meet the nation's obligation to its former defenders, will be unable to meet its obligations to veterans.

Last year, Congress responded to the demonstrated need for additional dollars to save veterans' health care by approving an additional \$1.7 billion above the President's original request.

The authors of the Independent Budget called again on lawmakers to build upon the administration's budget submission and bring the funding total for VA health care to

\$21.223 billion for FY 2001.

The authors also urged the House and Senate to break a long-standing legislative logjam and allow VA to recover the costs of health care from Medicare. For years, VA has provided care to Medicare eligible veterans and has been forbidden to seek the same reimbursement given to every other health care provider in the country for the same services.

The Independent Budget, now in its 14th year, represents an ongoing collaborative effort to ensure that veterans' needs are fully and properly met. The report provides an important, independent voice to the Congress and the Executive Branch on the needs of our country's 25 million veterans.

A congressionally chartered veterans service organization whose membership dates from World War II, AMVETS has aimed for more than 50 years to promote world peace, preserve the American way of life, and help veterans help themselves.

The million-member Disabled American Veterans, a nonprofit organization founded in 1920, and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, is dedicated to one, single purpose; building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families.

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The VFW is a 2.1 million-member veterans service organization, now in its 100th year, with a nationwide network of some 10,500 posts and service officers working to assist all veterans and their dependents with problems involving VA entitlements and pensions.

For further information, contact: Richard Flanagan, AMVETS, 301/459-9600; David Autry, Disabled American Veterans, 202/314-5219; Howard Metzger, Paralyzed Veterans of America, 202/416-7667; William Smith, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 202/543-2239.

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# Scholarships help recipients continue their education

Kimberly Wilkins doesn't let her disability stop her from continuing her education. But like so many students, Wilkins always has had to consider her financial situation.

Last year, the Cabinet for Workforce Development helped lighten the financial load for Wilkins and 19 others when the cabinet awarded its first \$500 Education Pays scholarships.

"It helped...alleviate some financial woes," said Wilkins. "My parents didn't have to help."

Wilkins, an Elizabethtown native who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, added that the scholarship competition took into account her ambition. "I don't always do well on standardized tests, but I work hard in school,"

said Wilkins, who has a 3.8 GPA in her sociology major at the University of Louisville. "The (Education Pays scholarship) program takes into account how hard a person works. Working hard in school pays for you."

Christy Price of Nicholasville also averted borrowing money after she received the scholarship last year. "It (Education Pays scholarship) definitely helped me from having to get a loan."

A sophomore at Transylvania University in Lexington, Price studies sociology and currently has a 3.0 GPA in that major. She works at the university's registrar's office, and Price believes that helped her win the scholarship.

"I do my work study in the registrar's office, and based on my

work habits and academic background, the registrar gave me a good letter of recommendation (for the scholarship competition)," Price said.

Another 1999 Education Pays scholarship recipient, Brian Jones, says the money he received helped him defray his educational costs so he could afford the commute to Jefferson Community College.

Jones, who studies computer programming, was commuting about 70 miles round trip from Campbellsburg to Louisville. "(The scholarship) helped me pay for books and a pretty expensive calculator," said Jones.

Jones, who recently moved to Shepherdsville, wants to enroll at the University of Louisville in the spring of 2001 and continue study-

ing computer programming. He works part-time for UPS in Louisville and says if he continues his education, his employer wants to retain him. "UPS has offered me a job if I get my (bachelor's) degree," Jones said.

Jelaine Phillips, who is working on her bachelor's degree in human services at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, used most of the scholarship money she won last year on books. "Books are very expensive," noted the Columbia resident. "I have two books for one class, and each was \$60 apiece."

Phillips, who lost her job at Campbellsville's Fruit of the Loom plant in 1997, said winning the scholarship not only boosted her financial situation, but her confidence, as well. "The scholarship

helped me to feel good about myself. It really helped my self-esteem," Phillips noted. "I would advise anyone (eligible) to apply for this."

The Cabinet for Workforce Development's second annual Education Pays scholarship program is currently accepting applications.

To be eligible, applicants must be a client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job search, Workforce Investment Act training and secondary technical education, among others. Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall

2000 semester. Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and adult education and Workforce Investment Act service providers. The completed scholarship application packet must be postmarked by April 17.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the cabinet's Web page at [www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce). The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

# ARC seeks to boost college enrollment rate in the Appalachian region

Local, ARC grants

Recognizing that in many isolated Appalachian communities only about a third or fewer of high school graduates enroll in college, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has approved \$400,000 in grants over the next two years to reverse the trend.

With U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley on hand to support their efforts, commission members unanimously approved a new education initiative aimed at boosting the college going rate in participating high schools to the national average of 65 percent or higher.

The action came at ARC's annual meeting of governors on Sunday, February 27. Created by Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chairman appointed by the president.

The initiative, designed to establish an Appalachian Higher Education Network for high school students throughout the region, seeks to expand successful efforts now underway in Appalachian Ohio and West Virginia.

Secretary Riley joined ARC officials in crediting two institutions—the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE) at Shawnee State University in

Portsmouth, Ohio, and the North Central Appalachian Center for Higher Education (NCACHE) at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia—as paving the way for the new program.

OACHE and NCACHE have encouraged hundreds of deserving Appalachian high school students to enroll in college, technical schools and other places of higher learning.

In Tuscarawas County, Ohio, for example, 80 percent of Newcomerstown High School students enrolled in college last spring—up from less than 30 percent six years ago. In West Virginia, Wirt County High School recently

increased the college enrollment rate by more than 50 percent.

"Post-secondary education is becoming increasingly important for every young person in Appalachia," said ARC Federal Co-Chairman Jesse L. White. "When initially confronted with the idea of college, many parents and students in rural communities are hesitant. They think college is too expensive and the course work too difficult. These programs break down these barriers and build self-esteem. College becomes a real possibility in the lives of high school students."

West Virginia Gov. Cecil Underwood, ARC States' co-chair-

man, joined White in supporting the program. "In several high schools in West Virginia we are seeing very promising results," Gov. Underwood said. "I am especially pleased that we are reaching out and finding people who can motivate students to think more positively about college and about their own futures."

The governor noted that he enlisted Willie Rose, one of West Virginia's Rocket Boys made famous last year in the popular movie, October Sky, to speak to students throughout the region about the importance of a college education.

Under the new initiative, ARC

would provide \$200,000 for four challenge grants of \$50,000 each during the first year of the program, with ARC making an additional \$200,000 available in the second year.

The grants would help Appalachian states organize initiatives similar to those in Ohio and West Virginia. The four proposed new centers, to be determined by a competitive process, would provide grants to high schools to support a variety of activities, including programs to help high school teachers advise students on career and education choices, as well as to enable more students to visit college campuses.

## Briefs

### College offers MBA

Sullivan College is offering a Master of Business Administration at its Lexington campus.

The college has offered the MBA at the Louisville campus since 1997 and accepted its first graduate level class in Lexington last fall.

Sullivan provides evening and weekend classes to accommodate the full-time worker and part-time student. Many employers subsidize the MBA students' tuition.

The MBA program at Sullivan offers four concentrations: management skills, human resource management, management information systems and entrepreneurship.

For information, contact the college at 606/276-4357 or 1-800/467-6281, or [www.sullivan.edu](http://www.sullivan.edu).

### Blood drives slated

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will hold two blood drives locally in the coming weeks.

Allen Central High School will be the setting for a drive on Wednesday, March 15. Beginning at 9 a.m., it will continue until 2 p.m. in the gym lobby.

On Friday, March 17, Highlands Regional Medical Center will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 100 pounds or more. Donating blood takes less than an hour.

For information, call Dawn Wheeler at 432-4979.

### MSU hosts conference

Tips to allow freshman to make a smooth transition to university life is the topic for an upcoming conference at Morehead State University.

"Teaching for Success in University 101," a one-day session sponsored by MSU's Office of Retention and the Center for Learning and Critical Thinking, will be held Thursday, March 9. The conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m.

The focus will be "MSU 101: Discovering University Life," the first-year student success class. Among the topics to be discussed are "Getting University 101 Started," "Getting Administration and Faculty Support," "Training the University 101 Faculty," and other subjects that relate to the development of the course.

Additional information is available from the Office of Retention at 606/783-5208.

### Sullivan term begins Mar. 27

Sullivan College in Lexington will begin a new term March 27.

Classes are offered days, evenings and Saturdays, with programs leading to diplomas, associate, bachelor and master degrees.

In addition to regular programs, the college's weekend bachelor's program begins, as well as online classes.

Enrollment is going on now. For information, call 1-800-467-6281.

### Mathematics conference held

The Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics will hold its 12th annual spring conference on Thursday, April 27, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge and Wilkinson-Stumbo Conference Center.

The theme this year is Algebra and Geometry Connections.

Conference check-in will begin at 3:30 p.m., in the foyers of both the lodge and the conference center with all grade level sessions starting promptly at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served in the conference center around 6 p.m.

The after-dinner speaker for is prominent educator and Interim Deputy Commissioner of Education for Kentucky, Dr. Lois Adams-Rodgers.

Session speakers include Brenda Blackburn, Brenda Mullins, Beradine Isaacs, and Stanton Watson. All sessions will contain hands-on activities with appropriate technology.

A registration form for the conference must be completed by each individual who plans to attend and returned with appropriate fees by Monday, April 24. Fees are \$25 for teachers, non-teachers and administrators, and \$5 for students.

Administrators will be awarded four conference hours of Leadership Development Credit. Additional information, including registration forms, can be obtained by contacting John D. Sammons at Prestonsburg Community College, or Denise Gibson at Pippa Passes.

# Finding the right answers in plain English

(NAPS)-The number of pages on the Internet has been estimated at 1.7 billion, with another 25 pages added every second. As a result, sifting through websites to find the information you need is becoming more of a challenge, even with the help of a search engine.

That's because search engines work to find "keywords" entered by the user and, not surprisingly, often return tens of thousands, if not millions, of documents.

"The real problem—the lack of a way to pose powerful, intelligent, intuitive queries and get relevant results—has fallen on deaf ears," says Carl Frappaolo, an expert in Knowledge Management.

Frappaolo, vice president of the Delphi Group in Boston, explains that search engines have reached the limit of their effectiveness. Information access is getting faster, but without a way for consumers and businesses to pose questions in everyday language, the web revolution is stalled.

"There's still too much information," he says, "and we're back,



Linguistic technology makes Internet information retrieval easier to use and boosts precise results.

again, to the need for something much better."

Many Internet search engines are redesigning themselves, touting better service to fill this need, but they have yet to come up with a way to retrieve precise, relevant information from online services using everyday language.

Fortunately, new software tech-

nology is able to use sophisticated linguistic techniques to break down sentences and "understand" questions you ask, using your own words. When this technology is combined with a search engine, there is a up to 700 percent increase in accuracy.

The technology—a core of 50,000 words with a million meanings and connections in meaning with 150,000 other words—is said to distinguish not only the meanings of how words are used, but also the concept behind words. For example, it can differentiate the meaning of the word "book" in phrases like "buy a book" or

"book a room."

This technology was developed by LexiQuest, a computational linguistics software company with more than 20 years experience working on large-scale linguistics processing projects in Europe. Since its introduction in the U.S., LexiQuest is already working with HotBot and GE to improve results.

The next step is e-commerce. Imagine asking a question in the words you use everyday, and having the computer instantly find the exact product you're seeking.

To find out more about computational linguistic technology, visit the website at [www.lexiquest.com](http://www.lexiquest.com).

## FTC brochure available

To help educate consumers about Internet auctions, the Federal Trade Commission has issued a pamphlet, "Internet Auctions: A Guide for Buyers and Sellers."

The guide offers tips for buyers to protect themselves against fraud. It also offers advice for sellers on how to make Internet auction trans-

actions as smooth and successful as possible.

To order a copy of the guide, write the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Or call, toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).



# Taxation with less frustration

(NAPS)-You may find you have a less taxing time of it around April 17 or any other financial deadline if you're properly prepared.

It helps if you make sure to sort your papers early and often. Keep all necessary receipts, documents and the like organized and in a safe place. It can be a good idea to set aside time every week to sort through your papers.

Keep the papers you need for taxes or other vital items in a secure place such as a fire safe box. Fire damages or destroys nearly 2,000 homes a day in America.

Here are some hints on what the box should contain and how long you should to keep them:

1. Birth and death certificates and adoption papers.
2. Contracts—hold these for seven years after they expire.
3. Deeds.
4. Tax records. Keep at least six year's worth at a time.
5. Bank and credit card records. Hold these for at least six years.
6. Health records.
7. Hold mortgage and other loan papers for three years after the loan is paid off.
8. Insurance policies. Keep these for four years after the expiration date.
9. A home and property inventory, updated as necessary.
10. Marriage certificate, divorce and custody papers.
11. Passport.
12. Stock and bond certificates should be held for four years after they're sold.
13. Owners' manuals and warranties for as long as you have the item.
14. Wills.
15. Computer disks that contain tax records or other important information.

Many people use an Underwriters Laboratories-classified fire-resistant storage container from Sentry Group. These range from small fire-resistant boxes to huge fire-resistant safes.



Protecting important papers can be a big part of getting organized in advance of tax time.

For more information, you can visit [www.sentrystore.com](http://www.sentrystore.com) on the web or call 1-800-828-1438.

# Guidelines for reporting capital gains

(ARA) - For people who owned stocks, mutual funds or other investments last year, capital gains tax rules will affect how they file their tax returns and how much tax they'll owe from those investments.

For 1999, if your only capital gains are capital gain distributions from mutual funds, you may not need to file Schedule D. Instead, the gains generally can be reported directly on Form 1040, line 13. The

Form 1040 instructions include a helpful worksheet to figure the tax.

You do not have to file Schedule D if all the following are true:

- 1) The only amounts you would have to report on Schedule D are capital gain distributions from box 2a of Form 1099-DIV (or substitute statement).
- 2) You do not have an amount in box 2b, 2c, or 2d of any Form 1099-DIV (or substitute statement).
- 3) If you file Form 4952,

Investment Interest Expense Deduction, the amount on line 4e of that form is not more than zero.

If all the above statements are true, report your capital gain distributions directly on line 13 of Form 1040 and check the box on that line. Remember to take advantage of the Capital Gain Tax Worksheet in the Form 1040 instructions to help figure your tax.

For more information about the capital gains tax changes, see a

financial advisor or get free copies of IRS Publication 550, Investment Income and Expenses (Including Capital Gains and Losses); Publication 564, Mutual Fund Distributions; and Schedule D and its instructions.

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# OBITUARIES

## Anna L. Scott Campbell

Anna L. Scott Campbell, 42, of Hueysville, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born on May 1, 1957, in Martin, she was the daughter of Audrey Petrie Scott of Martin, and the late Lawrence Scott. She was a book-keeper for the Board of Education for 23 years, a member of the Full Gospel Church at Allen, and a member of Virginia Spencer Chapter No. 573, Order of the Eastern Star, Wayland.

Survivors include three brothers, Paul E. Justice of Saudia Arabia, Robert Keith (Bo) Scott of Martin, George Scott of West Liberty.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Lavone Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers are James Redrick, Ed Conley, Michael Shelton, Kevin Nelson, Chris Holbrook and Dean Collins.

Honorary pallbearers are Freddie Lafferty, Charlie Hall, Chris Robinson and Dewey Hall.

## Randell Hatfield

Randell Hatfield, 53, of Ashtabula, Ohio, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, in Ashtabula.

Born in Hi Hat on October 16, 1946, he was the son of the late Wid and Daisy Tackett Hatfield. He had been a resident of Ashtabula for 30 years and was a former employee of ACME Scrap.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella Blankenship Hatfield.

He is survived by a daughter, Clover Owen of Ashtabula; two step-sons, Mark Skaggs of Ocala, Florida, and Larry Skaggs of Ashtabula; a step-daughter, Veronica Stowers of Ft. Meyers, Florida; three brothers, Danny and Terry of Ashtabula, and Gary of Conneaut; two sisters, Lou Johnson of Jefferson, Ohio, and Joyce Perry of Osseo, Michigan; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 6, at 11 a.m. at Burton Funeral Home in Ashtabula, with Rev. Kenneth Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memory Gardens in Ashtabula.

## REGIONAL OBITUARIES

### Pike County

Laura Wolford, 50, of Phelps, died Wednesday, March 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Hollis Ratliff, 79, of Kimper, died Thursday, March 2, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Dairl Maynard Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 5, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Elizabeth "Betty" Damron, 77, of Belcher, died Sunday, February 27, in Tallahassee, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Martha Belcher May, 66, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, February 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Allen J. May. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Leon Burdette Briggs, Sr., 76, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, February 29, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Briggs. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Mabel Burchett, 82, of Jenks, Oklahoma, formerly of Virgie and Abingdon, Va., died Wednesday, March 1, funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Richard Crona "Mellon" Hamlin, 26, of Hellier, died Tuesday, February 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

## Ferman Wells

Ferman Wells, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born June 17, 1924, in Lancer, the son of the late Melvin and Beulah Roberts Wells. He was a self-employed automobile mechanic and a U.S. World II, Marine veteran.

His wife, Grace Clay Wells, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Ted Wells and Eddie Wells, both of Phoenix, Arizona; three daughters, Donna Reed and Dorothy Upshaw, both of Houston, Texas, Debbie Hanson of Phoenix, Arizona; two brothers, John P. Wells and Mevin Wells Jr., both of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Jettie Sparks of Emma, Woodsie Akers of Lexington and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman Buddy Jones officiating.

Burial was in the Wells-Goble Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## James Floyd Castle

James Floyd Castle, 83, of Eastern, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

He was born January 30, 1917, in Paintsville, the son of the late Robert and Minnie Murphy Castle. He was a retired coal miner; formerly employed by Island Creek Coal Company, a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, and a member of Chandlerville Masonic Lodge No. 858, at Lowmansville.

His wife, Virginia Blizzard Castle, preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Paul Castle of Eastern; four daughters, Delores Rudy of Maysville, Carol Sue Salmons of Risner, Linda Hicks of Snellville, Georgia, Debbie Castle Stumbo of Eastern; one brother, Homer Castle of Kansas City, Kansas; two sisters, Oneida Stambaugh of Kansas City, Kansas, Gracie Pack of Franklin, Ohio, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 5, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen, Ted Shannon and Buddy Jones, officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Bernis Bradley

Bernis Bradley, 75, of Eastern, died Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a short illness.

He was born November 1, 1924, in Langley, the son of the late Charlie and Martha Frasure Bradley. He was a retired superintendent of Southeast Gas Company, a U.S. Army, World War II veteran and a lifetime member of the DAV, Garrett Chapter No. 128.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Lee Bradley; and one brother, Hansel Bradley of Eastern.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen, Jim Smith and Jerry Manns, officiating.

Burial was in the Mandy Dingus Cemetery, Martin, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Word for the Week Eternity to ponder

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Death does not end human existence. We are creatures with bodies and immortal souls. Animals are not like us. They have bodies but do not have eternal souls. Angels are beings that do not have bodies. They are pure spirits. Humans are beings that have both bodies and everlasting souls.

Death is separation of body and soul. Rachel died during childbirth. "It came about as her soul was departing (for she died)..." (Genesis 35:18). In like manner, Jesus Christ also died on the cross. "Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" having



## Louisville temple to open

The 76th operating temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open for public tours for one week, starting Saturday, March 4. The Louisville Temple, located on Ky. 22, five miles east of I-265, is the first in Kentucky. After being dedicated on March 19, it will serve more than 30,000 church members in parts of Kentucky, Ohio

and Indiana, including about 3,000 in the Owingsville Stake. The Owingsville Stake includes local congregations in Ashland, Beattyville, Hazard, Martin, Olive Hill, Owingsville, Paintsville, Paris, Pikeville and Winchester in Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio.

# Campbellsville University to host spring revival, April 3-5

Campbellsville University will host a three-day "Real Life, Real Love" Spring Revival and Mission Work Project, April 3-5, featuring Dr. Deforest "Buster" Soaries as guest speaker, and CPR, a Christian comedy team.

"There is an exciting spirit on the Campbellsville University campus as we prepare for our 2000 spring revival," said Dr. Michael V. Carter, president. "Dr. Soaries is an outstanding speaker and preacher who will challenge our campus community. Our Baptist Student Union and Campus Ministries Department have taken the lead in putting together day mission and ministry projects for high school youth groups who are planning on participating in these three days of Christian worship and renewal."

"We are expecting a large number of high school students from around Kentucky, and perhaps out of state, to attend, in addition to our own university community," said the Rev. Todd Parish, a senior Christian education major and

BSU president at Campbellsville University.

"These visiting young people will go out in the local and area communities to do special ministry projects. During the day, they will be involved in mission work, and at night, they will be challenged by the powerful messages of Dr. Soaries and entertained by the Christian comedy of CPR."

Soaries is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, one of the fastest growing African-American churches in the country. He also serves as secretary of state for New Jersey. He comes to Campbellsville University as the Thomas F. Staley Foundation speaker for the current academic year.

The improvisation comedy team CPR includes Carl Crispin, Pete Vandersluis and Rodney TeSlaa. The members of the group, who refers to themselves as "crazy and zany guys," have performed more than 500 shows across

America while providing quality, family entertainment.

Admission to the event is free, and free lodging for youth groups will be provided in local churches and on the Campbellsville campus on a first-come, first-serve basis. Other lodging will be available in local area hotels at the participants' expense.

Meals will be available in the university dining hall at the following prices: breakfast, \$3; lunch, \$4; and supper, \$5 per person per day. Local restaurants are also available for meals at the participants' expense. Evening services will begin at 8 p.m. each evening in the Powell Athletic Center on the Campbellsville University campus.

Participants in the Mission Work Project—Spring Revival are encouraged to bring with them several items including a Bible, sturdy shoes or work boots, hat or visor, mirror, towels and wash-cloths, pillow, work gloves, rain

gear, camera and film, light jacket, handkerchiefs, sunglasses, pen or pencil, sleeping bag, air mattress (optional), sturdy clothing, T-shirts (no midriff tops), shorts (no short-shorts), personal toilet articles, plastic bags for school clothing, socks and underwear, personal family and health insurance card, snacks and Kleenex.

In addition, each participant is asked to bring four items from the following individual equipment checklist: safety goggles, paint brush or paint roller (strongly suggested); hammer, paint roller and pan, paint brushes (4-inch width preferred), paint bucket, crowbar, tape measure (at least 25-foot length), paint scraper and 4 to 6-inch putty knife.

Space is limited and work projects must be planned. Those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible, and no later than March 15, by contacting the Campbellsville University Office of Campus Ministries at 270/789-5227.

# Spring fire season has arrived

by Tony Cavalier  
WSAZ weatherman

*Oh, tenderly the haughty day  
Fills his blue urn with fire.  
Ode, Concord, July 4, 1857  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I've got a question for you. Were you surprised to see Penny Moss and Michael Goins reporting on brush fires this past weekend only one week after the deluge? Odds are, you were; but meteorologically speaking it actually made sense.

Sure, recent rains have helped put a dent in our longstanding drought. But the lack of deep winter snows this year spells trouble for the

fire season. That's because last autumn's leaves have never really been matted into the forest beds. Instead, these leaves are sitting on top of the forest floor.

Once the sun comes out and the wind blows strongly, the top of the leaves dries swiftly. Then as humidity levels drop and the strong late winter sun bakes the earth, even the underneath side of the leaves dries out.

Now toss in a careless match and you have the makings for another bad fire season here.

If you must burn, follow the letter of the law in your area remembering that two volunteer firemen died fighting a brush fire in Rowan County last spring.

Here are some tips to burn cleanly and legally. As always, remember, local ordinances supersede state law in some areas, so check with local officials before burning.

First off, the actual burning season (defined as the time when the law says you must burn when they tell you) runs through May 15 (KY) and through Memorial Day (WV, OH). During this time, use the general rule to burn late day and at night. That's because humidity levels tend to increase at night making it tougher for fires to get out of control.

Officially, in West Virginia, you can burn from 4 p.m. til 7 a.m.; and Ohio and Kentucky from 6 p.m. til 6 a.m. Burning outside these times is illegal!

Now, do you know what you are allowed to burn? Some folks think you can burn trash. This is a misconception and will cost you up to a \$300 fine in West Virginia. By law, you can burn "vegetative" material only. That includes leaves, branches, twigs, etc. In other words, organic plant life that once was living.

Where can you burn? Most cities, like Huntington, Charleston, Ironton, do not permit burning inside the city limits. In the country, you can burn in West Virginia as long as you use a 10-foot safety strip that surrounds the fire completely. A safety strip refers to a circular area that is cleared of anything that would burn. In effect, by using a safety strip you are setting up a dry ground "moat" to choke off a fire's ability to escape.

Now in Kentucky, you are strongly advised to use the safety strip and you may not burn within 150 feet of the woodline. Remember, if your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire (manpower called in by state foresters and their equipment) and for any damage the fire may cause to others.

The season got off to a rocky start this past weekend as temperatures soared to near 80, humidity

levels dropped to 35 percent and the winds gusted past 25 miles per hour. That combination will dry out even the dampest forestland in a matter of a few days if not a few hours.

In Kentucky, district forester Dexter Connelly told me that his troops are on standby. "It is up to everyone involved to obey the letter of the law. Our forests are meant to be enjoyed, not taken for granted."

Fortunately, the weather has turned wet enough in late February to keep the ground semi-damp, and people have respected the law and the foresters who protect our woodlands.

But with a possible dry March looming on the horizon, we must not let our guard down this early in the season. That's especially true since I have witnessed several springs where March Madness referred not just to NCAA hoops, but also to our woodlands lighting up during forest fires.

## Governor proclaims Arbor day as April 7

Gov. Paul E. Patton has proclaimed April 7, as Arbor Day in Kentucky.

Arbor Day has been an important tradition in the state for more than 100 years. On this special day, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to show their appreciation for one of the most valuable resources—trees.

Schools, communities and organizations are planning local tree-planting ceremonies to encourage the stewardship of Kentucky's urban and woodland trees. These ceremonies will highlight the many social, environmental and economic

benefits that trees provide, including reduced soil erosion, lower heating and cooling costs, increased property values, increased community pride and jobs.

Division of Forestry representatives will soon contact all county judges-executive to ask them to sign an Arbor Day proclamation for their counties. For more information or assistance in organizing an Arbor Day ceremony, contact the Division of Forestry, 627 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call the Arbor Day Hotline toll-free at 1-88-U-SET-TREE.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

### ALC concert tour begins March 5

The Alice Lloyd College Choir, Voices of Appalachia, will soon begin its Southwestern Tour. The kick-off concert is Sunday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes. For information, call 606/368-6082.

### Area Homemaker Conference planned

The Northeast Area Homemaker's Leadership Conference is set for March 30 at the Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration is \$7 and includes lunch. For information, contact Theresa Scott at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, 606/886-2668.

### Free lunch for seniors

Free lunches for senior citizens are planned for March 24 and April 28 at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center (Auxier School). The first lunch will feature a program by Christian Appalachian Project and the second by Floyd County Extension Service. Seating is limited to the first 50 persons who call 886-0709 for reservations.

### Quilter's Day Out set for Pikeville

The Pike County and Mingo-Pike quilt guilds are hosting Quilter's Day Out on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Pike County Extension Service.

Advanced, beginner and in-between quilters are encouraged to bring work to show, and they will receive hands-on experience

on folded flowers and see demonstrations of pieced snowball quilt and chenille work.

Lunch will be provided. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact the Pike County Extension Office at 1-800-233-1390 or 606/433-2534.

### Alice Lloyd College offers one stop program

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services and Alice Lloyd College have joined in helping both citizens of Kentucky and students of ALC find jobs, write resumes, and provide information on labor markets, career options, education and training programs, and much more. There are currently about 20 *One Stop Program* Offices statewide. The assistance received is free of charge and more information may be obtained through the Alice Lloyd College Career Development Office. Both the *One Stop Program* Office and the Career Development Office are located on the second floor of the Student Center on the campus of ALC. Call the ALC Career Development Office at 606/368-6136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### AARP Tax Aide service begun, February 1

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has begun its tax service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers and will continue through April 13.

The service will be offered at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, from 8:30 to 3:30 each Tuesday, and is free to all senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

### P'burg Elementary SBDM council to meet

Prestonsburg Elementary Schools' regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting will be held Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium.

### Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interested in working with the 2000 Census to take the required exam are much broader than originally announced. The exams will be administered at sites throughout Floyd

County from now through March. For information on times and locations, call 1-888-325-7733. Jobs are available as census takers and crew leaders and pay between \$6.50 and \$13 an hour. If you call the toll-free number, indicate that you live in the Ashland, Kentucky, region.

### Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

### Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

### SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of March.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

### Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is responsible for their behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

### Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We

understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

### Fund-raiser planned

Wesley Christian Academy is planning an activity to raise funds to purchase playground equipment. A \$10 donation covers dinner, door prizes and the chance to win \$1,000 in cash during the March 13 event from 6 to 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the school at 874-8328, or any student. Contributions are tax deductible.

### G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of the David School will teach GED classes at the James A. Duff Family Resource Center each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are free. If you need more information, call Judy Handshoe, at 358-9878.

### SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 242 or ext. 243.

### McDowell FRC services

The following events and activities will be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center.

- GED classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Center. These classes are free for anyone wanting to earn the GED.

- Bi-monthly Advisory Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of that month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 6.

- Parents who are looking for new ideas on effective discipline techniques, assisting with homework, getting children to help with chores, how to provide healthier meals and snacks for their families, effective household budgeting, and other topics should attend the next Parent Support Group.

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families. Please attend either or both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

- Floyd County Health Department has a clinic open at the Center each Monday to see patients concerning school (head start, kindergarten and sixth grade) physicals, W.I.C., immunizations, female exams, well-child exams and other services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 377-2678.

- A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the Center two days a week for students who are in need of counseling services. Call the Center if you feel your child could benefit from this service, 377-2678.

### Clark Family Resource Center Calendar

Nursing services: A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is in the center on Fridays. Services available: Physicals for 5th grade students entering 6th grade in the next school year; pre-school, headstart, and kindergarten physicals, physicals for any student, age birth-21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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GED classes have been scheduled for Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the center.

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After school child care is Monday through Friday, school days, from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There are currently openings for enrollment in after school child care. Call the center for more information, 886-0815.

### Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar March 2000

March 6: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

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## South Floyd District Champs!



**SOUTH FLOYD COACH GOT A victory hug from two of his players after the Raiders defeated Betsy Layne to win the 58th District tournament Friday night (photo by Ed Taylor)**

### Raiders win first-ever district behind Tackett

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

It was a complete team effort on the part of the South Floyd Raiders basketball team when they defeated a very good Betsy Layne team

83-74 to win their first-ever 58th District Tournament, but there were some anxious moments for Coach Henry Webb's ballclub in holding off the Bobcats.

In front of a packed Allen Central gym, South Floyd continued to make school history as they have done all season. It was the second tournament the school has ever won, both this year. They won their own holiday tournament last December.

Coach Webb, standing to the side while his team cut the nets, said the win hadn't soaked in yet.

"It's unreal. It's an incredible feeling," he said amidst the band playing and the roar of the crowd. "I know people who are not here tonight

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page three)

**"Our kids played hard," he said.**

**"Except for one game this year, I felt they played hard every game."**

### Allen Central's Martin named Player of Year

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

Allen Central's Jessica Martin was named Floyd County Player of the Year in girls' high school basketball for the 1999-2000 season.

Martin has been a four-year starter at Allen Central and one of the more consistent players to play four full seasons for the Lady Rebels.

Martin averaged 15 points a game and pulled in nine rebounds per outing. But it was her leadership on the floor that drew the raves from fans.

Before the season tipped off, it appeared that Martin's senior season would be a wash out after developing a heart condition. Coach Anthony Moore admitted before the season began that her absence would hurt the team.

Her love for the game of basketball and appreciation for her teammates encouraged her to continue playing the game after the doctors cleared her to resume her senior season.

Martin is one of the most unselfish players to take to the hardwood and earned the respect of all her teammates.

Allen Central lost Natalie Cooley, another senior, early in the season and the load of carrying the offense for Allen Central weighed heavy on Martin, who rose to the challenge.

From this desk, Jessica Martin is an excellent choice as Floyd County's Player of the Year.

She hopes to continue her basketball career at the college level.

■ Girls 58th District finals

### In overtime...

## Prestonsburg repeats as district champs

### Hyden leads Lady Blackcats past Allen Central 74-60

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

In a game that was much, much closer than the final score would indicate, it took overtime before the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats could put away the Allen Central Lady Rebels in the championship game of the girls' 58th District tournament at Allen Central Thursday night.

Megan Hyden celebrated her birthday a day late with an outstanding performance on the court with 17 points to lead Prestonsburg to a 74-60 victory and a repeat of last year's district title.

Hyden just turned 16 Wednesday, so it was only fitting that she would perform well.

She did it all on the court with her pinpoint passing, reading the defense and handling the Allen Central token pressure. Unofficially, Hyden had eight assists in the game and pulled down eight rebounds to go with her 17 points. But it was from the free-throw line that she kept her team in the game during regulation, although she had a chance to avoid the extra period.

Hyden stood at the charity stripe for 20

attempts, hitting 13. She also stood there with four seconds left in the game with the score knotted at 58 but missed both attempts, allowing the game to go into an extra four minutes.

Amelia Conley, despite being saddled with early foul trouble, finished with 15 points and Ramanda Music added 15 in a strong game. She pulled down 12 rebounds,

Conley had seven. Brook Coleman hit some timely baskets for the Lady Blackcats and finished with 14 points, including two three-point baskets.

Allen Central was almost depleted during the overtime with all starters fouling out, including Jackie Martin, who came off the

(See PRESTONSBURG, page two)

■ Prestonsburg (74)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hyden	2	0	20-13	17
Wells	3	0	3-2	8
Coleman	2	2	6-4	14
Conley	5	0	6-5	15
Music	6	0	7-3	15
Howell	0	0	2-0	0
Adams	1	0	4-3	5

■ Allen Central (60)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Martin	5	3	4-1	20
Howell	5	0	0-0	10
Sizemore	5	0	4-3	13
Osborne	2	0	5-4	8
Risner	1	1	1-0	5
Prater	1	0	5-2	4

Prestonsburg..... 7 21 15 15 16 - 74  
 Allen Central..... 18 7 16 17 2 - 60



**MEGAN HYDEN, PRESTONSBURG, scored 17 points in her team's 74-60 overtime win over Allen Central last Thursday night. Both teams advance to regional play this week. (photo by Ed Taylor)**

### Johnson Central repeats as 57th District Champions

by Karen Joseph  
 Sports Writer

The stage was set for the championship game in the 57th district tournament that was played at the Magoffin County Fieldhouse. The defending champs, the Johnson Central Golden Eagles met, the Hornets of Magoffin County, the same as last year.

Johnson Central defeated Paintsville in the first round and Magoffin County beat Sheldon Clark. The results of the first round were the same as the previous year.

The Eagles were hoping for a repeat, but the Magoffin County Hornets were hoping to change things. Both teams played a very hard ball game. Johnson Central got into foul trouble early and the Hornets slowed the ball down. This tactic just about worked for Danny Adams and his Magoffin County Hornets, but the Eagles, under the superb guidance of Johnny Ray Turner, were able to adjust and come away with the district crown for the second year straight. The final score was 85-74.

This game, as well as all of the other games in the tournament, was like ball-games used to be. Big crowds were great school spirit and fan support was at every game in the tournament. The Magoffin County staff did a wonderful job of pulling

(See JCHS, page two)

## A Look At Sports...

### Large crowd what every home game should be

If you were at the finals of the boys 58th District tournament Friday night then you no doubt saw the big, big crowd that showed up.

Unlike the past, only two schools were involved but yet the J.E. Campbell Area was crowded. While not filled to the proverbial rafters, still the entire lower section was full

plus half of the upper sections on both sides. Folks were standing in the walkways as well.

I wonder who was watching the Left Beaver area because they all were at the gym. I never seen a school with the following the Raiders have gathered this season. It was just great!

Betsy Layne also had a huge following and the difference is the excitement that two young coaches have brought to the two schools. Brent Rose has brought the Betsy Layne program up three notches. His ability to relate to his players is amazing. Discipline, that is one of the keys.

Henry Webb, a teammate of Rose on the 1989 McDowell team, is another who has brought some fresh blood to the game. The future of both schools looks really good.

I think we here in Floyd County should be

proud of these two young coaches and let them know.

Often when leaving the gym after a defeat you hear comments like, "If we had a coach, we would have won!" But while departing the gym Friday night, no one was saying things like that, but rather, "Coach Rose has done a great job here at Betsy Layne." That is positive. No negative thinking or speaking can accomplish anything.

Look for Betsy Layne and South Floyd to be the teams to beat next year. Both will return some outstanding young players. If the advantage would point one way for next season, it would be toward Betsy Layne. But the Raiders will have plenty of talent as well. The experience factor will come into effect next season.

I like the look of the Betsy Layne

Ladycats for next year. Coach Cassandra Akers will have some great talent coming back. I like what I see at Betsy Layne High School.

Jenny Parsons is one of the top regional players and plays like one who loves the game.

Jenny told me she was planning to be busy this summer working hard toward next year.

(See SPORTS, page two)



■ Girls

58th District  
 P'burg 74, Lady Rebs 60, OT

59th District  
 Shelby Valley 76, Pikeville 61

60th District  
 Elkhorn City 67, Phelps 37

■ Boys

58th District  
 South Floyd 83, Betsy Layne 74

60th District  
 Feds Creek 57, Phelps 53

3rd District  
 Graves Co 43, St. Mary's 33

4th District  
 Finals  
 Murray 72, Marshall Co. 68

13th District  
 Finals  
 Russellvill 79, Simpson 50

17th District  
 Finals  
 Elizabethtown 79, Meade Co 73

18th District  
 Finals  
 Hart Co. 74, Larue Co 51

19th District  
 Nelson Co. 48, Washington 46

20th District  
 Finals  
 Marion Co 89, Campbellsville 73

22nd District  
 Finals  
 PRP 108, Western 55

31st District  
 Finals  
 Carroll Co 77, Trimble Co. 66



# Majakeys square off in district tournament

## Erin, Laura support each other — at times

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

were on opposite teams in a girls' 58th District game until this year.

When Prestonsburg and Allen Central met in the girls' finals Thursday night at Allen Central,

Erin Majakey was dressed in white and red while her sister, Lauren Majakey, was decked out in red and black.

For Erin, a freshman at Allen Central, being on opposing teams is a "weird feeling!"

"It is strange that we go to different schools and now are playing against each other," said Erin. "Until this year, we were not used to being on different teams."

Erin transferred to Allen Central before the basketball season started, after working out with Prestonsburg earlier. Lauren, who is a junior, opted to stay at Prestonsburg where she has played the last two seasons.

"We really haven't talked much about the game," said Lauren. "Not that much anyway. We just go on with our lives."

Erin is active in the Allen Central band.

Lauren said she promised not to rub it in if Prestonsburg beat Allen Central, which they did, 74-60 in overtime.

Erin said if Allen Central had won, she probably would have just given her sister a victory wave.

"No, I wouldn't rub it in," said Erin. "We both are just happy to be on teams in the finals and both getting an award for being there."

Both said their parents, Gay and Lee Majakey, have been supportive of their efforts, even though they attend different schools.

"It is hard for us," said Lee,

before the championship game. "We try to wear neutral colors."

The parents could be spotted sitting in the upper level of the arena while the game was in progress. There were anxious moments for both as they had split allegiance.

"Mom and dad really hadn't talked much about the game with us," said Lauren. "They just cheer for both of us. Erin and I don't see each other that much. We get home from school and just go on."

Both said they do not reveal any secrets to each other, like plays or strategy they would be running.

"If Erin has the ball and I am guarding her, I will try and stop her from scoring," said Lauren.

"I will do what I can to help my team win, if it means guarding Lauren," said Erin.

Lauren said there was some concern at Prestonsburg in facing her sister's team.

"We had been worried," she said. "We were concerned about playing defense inside. They are a good shooting team from outside as well."

"We both are just happy to be in the finals," said Erin.

A special note on this story. During the interview, Lauren predicted the game could be an overtime game. It was.

The two may have been on opposing ends, but when the final horn sounded, they became sisters and very close friends again.



ERIN AND LAUREN MAJAKEY are the first two sisters to oppose each other in a district championship game. The two were on opposite end this past Thursday night. Lauren's team pulled out an overtime win (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Players of the Week

### Girls

### Boys



**Amelia Conley**  
Junior  
Prestonsburg



**Bradley Brooks**  
Senior  
Betsy Layne

## South Floyd

cannot see this crowd support these kid received from their community. It has been a long time coming for the community and these kids."

Rusty Tackett came off the Raider bench and led South Floyd in scoring with 21 points. He buried four three-point baskets and some were big ones. Tackett said he felt he was going to have good outing.

"I was feeling it tonight," he said. "I told Ryan (Shannon) I was feeling it tonight."

After the Raiders fell behind by five points, Tackett said he remembered what his coach had told him. "It is like Coach Webb has said, we have to go out and give 110 percent every night. That is what we are here for. We did that tonight and we got the win."

Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose said his team showed a lot of heart in battling the Raiders for the third time this season.

"Our kids played hard," he said. "Except for one game this year, I felt they played hard every game. They are just a great group of kids. They did what they needed to do every time out."

Brock Keathley shared game scoring honors with Tackett, finishing with 21 points. He hit 11 of 15 free throws.

It was a game of finesse versus strength. Betsy Layne never did quit even when they fell behind by 11 points in the second quarter. The Bobcats found another "life" and managed to mount a comeback.

South Floyd was the aggressor going into the fourth quarter with Betsy Layne holding a five-point lead, 56-51, and the momentum going Betsy Layne's way. The Bobcats' biggest lead swelled to seven points, 58-51, on a rebound basket by Adam Collins to start the final period.

After the basket, Betsy Layne seemed to rush its shots and the team's shot selection deteriorated as they appeared to abandon what got them the lead in the first place.

Kyle Tackett hit a 12-footer and Michael Hall, off a steal, completed a three-point play that got the huge South Floyd crowd back into the game.

The noise level was deafening when Rusty Tackett drained a three-pointer that brought the Raiders to within one, 60-59, of Betsy Layne.

A 10-second call against the Bobcats resulted in a turnover that resulted in a basket underneath by Jimmy Stumbo, who had 18 points in the game, that gave the Raiders the lead back at 61-60 with six minutes left to play.

Betsy Layne's final lead came at 62-61 on two Keathley free throws but Kyle Tackett busted a long three-pointer for a 64-62 lead for the Raiders, a lead they never relinquished.

The damaging shot was a three-point basket from 22 feet out by Rusty Tackett that sent the Raiders in front 69-65 as the lead grew to eight points later.

"Rusty really stepped up for us

tonight," said Coach Webb. "He is a great player and he played like a champion tonight. He has a wonderful future ahead of him."

Betsy Layne had 14 turnovers in the first half against the Raider defense. But only trailed 38-32 going to the locker area at the half.

It was a 23-20 game at the first stop with the Raiders leading on a rebound basket by John Meade, who netted four points in the game.

South Floyd found itself in foul trouble early when Michael Hall went to the bench with two fouls. Jimmy Stumbo would follow shortly thereafter.

The game was tied at 5, 8, 10 and 12 before the Raiders forged in front on three free throws by Michael Hall and a basket underneath off an out-of-bounds play. The Raiders led 17-12.

Betsy Layne fought back behind the play of Keathley and Adam Collins to pull to within one, 21-20, before Meade's basket gave South Floyd the three-point lead.

There consecutive turnovers by Betsy Layne to open the second quarter allowed South Floyd to pull

ahead by nine points, 29-20. Rusty Tackett made two steals and scored while Kyle Tackett had a rebound basket in a 6-0 run.

While the Bobcats were misfiring from the charity stripe, Rusty Tackett hit a 16-footer and Shannon scored on a layup for an 11-point advantage.

Rusty Tackett's three-pointer at the 3:13 mark gave South Floyd a 36-25 lead. Bradley Brooks and Stumbo were whistled for a double foul, the third on Stumbo to relegate him to the bench.

After the called double foul, Betsy Layne outscored South Floyd 7-2 to make it a six-point deficit at the half.

Keathley was nearly unstoppable in the third period for the Bobcats, scoring eight of the team's first 10 points. The surge pulled the Cats to within three, 45-42, of the Raiders.

Rusty Tackett's three-point basket pulled the Raiders back out by six points, 48-42, but Betsy Layne was not ready to concede anything.

A jumper by Scott Collins, a three-point play by Brooks and two

Justin Bartley free throws gave Betsy Layne the lead at 49-48. Keathley would hit two more charity tosses, Brad Daugherty scored off a steal, and Bartley's three-point basket gave the Bobcats a 56-51 lead after three quarters.

It was a fitting finish for the five seniors for South Floyd.

"This was a team effort," said Shannon, who scored eight points in the game but played a strong floor game. "I love my teammates. All year they have run and shot the basketball. This was a complete team effort. No one person can do it all."

Kyle Tackett said he was proud of the way his team played and it was a good way to finish his senior season in the county.

"In a huddle at halftime we said we wasn't going to lose this one," he said. "We came out and made our run. We played with a lot of heart tonight. It was a very physical game. But you have to give it to Betsy Layne, they gave us a hard game."

Stumbo said it is hard to key on just one Raider player.

"Every night we don't know who is going to step up for us," he said. "But someone always does. Tonight it was Rusty. This is what I love about this team. It doesn't matter who is playing good or who is playing bad, we always find a way to win."

Sixth man, John Meade, a junior, said the Raiders played with a lot of heart.

"We showed a lot of heart for the "git-go," he said. "We felt coming into the game we were going to win. I felt we just wanted it more."

Dusty Tackett, a senior, did not score in the game but contributed other ways.

"This was an exciting game for us," he said. "This makes up for the other three years when we didn't win it all. I thought Rusty played well off the bench as well as John. I felt I contributed, even though I did not score."

Coach Webb said his team picked up where they had to despite being in foul trouble.

"No lead is safe with a team like Betsy Layne," he said. Coach Rose did a fabulous job with that team.

Betsy Layne played an excellent game. But out kids did not quit and they are a very explosive team on offense."

While Betsy Layne was making a run at the Raiders in the third period, Coach Rose inserted Jeremy Daniels who was very impressive in the four minutes he played. Daniels had some key rebounds to contribute to the run by the Bobcats.

"Jeremy has really come on. He played well on our junior varsity team," said Coach Rose. "We had been out with some injuries and sickness. The last three or four games we have tried to get him in and he has played well for us."

Scott Collins finished with 16 points for Betsy Layne. Bartley netted 15 while Adam Collins and Daugherty finished with six apiece. Nathan Tackett scored three points.

Kyle Tackett hit two treys and finished with 10 points for the Raiders. Byron Hall had nine points and Michael Hall totaled 13.

The boys' 15th Region will tip off Wednesday night at the Allen Central gymnasium. Drawings will be announced today.

ALLEN CENTRAL'S SHANNA HOWELL (40) was trapped at half court by Prestonsburg defenders in the finals of the girls 58th Distict tournament. Both Allen Central and Prestonsburg will advance to the regional tournament at Elkhorn City. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# Grigsby Wins Second Straight

Once again proving that he is the absolute best sight fisherman in America, Florida pro **Shaw Grigsby** took full advantage of Lake Seminole's spawning bass to catch a whopping 73 pounds, 14 ounces and win the \$409,450 Big Kmart BASSMASTER Georgia Top 150 on Saturday.

It marked the second consecutive Top 150 victory for Grigsby, who has now won eight BASS tournaments in his career. His second \$100,000 top prize in the last month boosted him into the BASS millionaire club as well.

"This is incredible," Grigsby said after his final-round weight of 20-12 sealed a 10-pound victory. "I never dreamed I would win back-to-back Top 150s. I feel real fortunate."

Grigsby concentrated on catching shallow-water bass that he could see with a variety of Luck 'E' Strike soft-plastic baits.

Second place went to Top 150 rookie **Jim Murray Jr.**, of Cordele, Ga. Texas' **Bud Pruitt**, fresh from a BASS Invitational win two weeks ago, finished third with 62.5.

**Timmy Horton** of Spruce Pine, Ala., and **Aaron Martens** of Castaic, Calif., rounded out the top five.

**Double Bonus** Rising star **Timmy Horton** of Alabama not only made it into his third Top 150 finals of the season over the weekend, increasing his lead in the Angler of the Year race — he also became a father for the first time.

Horton's wife went into labor on the afternoon before the Georgia Top 150 finals. Although he had decided to forfeit the final round in an attempt to drive to the hospital, it soon became clear that the timing was working against him. Instead, Horton listened by phone as 8-pound, 4-ounce daughter **Lauren Bailey** came into the world. "It was amazing to hear it all happening," said Horton, who finished fourth at Lake Seminole with 59-2. "I can't wait to get home."

**Davis Rebounds** Veteran Arkansas pro **Mark Davis** took advantage of the November and December hiatus of the BASSMASTER Top 150 circuit to undergo some much-needed surgery. He went under the knife immediately after struggling through the Potomac River tournament and returned to action in the Lake Toho Top 150 in January.

"I actually had two surgeries at the same time, one of each side," Davis said. "My left elbow had severe tendonitis, and my right shoulder socket had a torn rotator cuff."

"I had been having elbow trouble off and on for probably 10 years. Thank goodness for cortisone."

Davis, who utilized the same surgeon used by fellow Arkansas pro **Larry Nixon** a couple of years ago, said his injuries were the result of enduring years of the repetitive rigors of competitive fishing.

"For 10 weeks, I didn't do anything," he lamented. "And there is still some pain. It's been a lot of pain. The exercises that you have to do in rehab are pretty painful. I'm still icing it down about every night. The pain depends on what I'm doing. Throw a crankbait all day, and I'll have to ice it down."

## Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	37	Denny Brauer, Camden, Mo. <i>Runner-up in '99 Classic, Fla. Top 150 finals</i>
2	2	37	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	37	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals</i>
4	4	37	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year</i>
5	6	20	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150, Mich. and Ga. Top 150 finals</i>
6	5	37	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in Va. BASS Top 150</i>
7	7	20	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i>
8	8	37	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals</i>
9	9	7	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. <i>Won Va. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150</i>
10	—	1	Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. <i>Won last two Top 150 tournaments</i>
11	10	34	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of Va. BASS Top 150</i>
12	11	34	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
13	12	17	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i>
14	14	27	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 2nd in Md.</i>
15	15	15	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. <i>Calif. BASS winner; made Ga. Top 150 finals</i>

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

A weekly guide to sports in the wild, including the professional bass fishing tour

# Outdoors

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## Prowling for Big Cats

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Bill Dance has long been a devotee of catfishing on the mighty Mississippi River, where the fish are big and plentiful. The sheer power of the river and its endless miles of prime big-cat habitat are magnetic forces that serious fishermen find hard to resist.

But there are times when Dance bypasses the big river for catfish waters that seem like mud puddles in comparison.

"I know from experience that some of the largest cats caught each year come from small waters where they had lived in relative obscurity for years," said Dance, an avid cat-fisherman and long-time host of his own TV show, "Bill Dance Outdoors."

"A big catfish is as much at home in a 1-acre farm pond as it is in the fast current of a big river."

"There is something special about fishing for big cats in small lakes, ponds, rivers and creeks. With my aluminum boat, I routinely stalk trophy cats in places that most anglers ignore or cannot reach. And that has been the secret to catching some of the biggest catfish of my career."

Big catfish are "tough dudes," Dance said, and it can be tough to tangle with them. Catfishing can be messy, and the most productive times are also the hottest. "That's when catfish bite the best — and when games of tug-of-war occur with hard-battling fish that easily top the 20-pound mark," Dance said.

When fishing for big cats, it is important to first figure out the most common forage in the body of water and attempt to match the hatch. It may be herring, shad, perch, chubs or other baitfish.

Dance has long believed in the adage that big baits produce big fish. This is especially true of trophy-class catfish. Although some big cats are caught on small baits each year, the bigger baits produce far more consistently. Consider that a 50-pound catfish can swallow a 5-inch shad as quickly as you can swallow a french fry.

It is not uncommon for catfish of different sizes to live in the same depth and area. To eliminate the smaller fish in pursuit of a trophy, Dance rigs up a larger bait. For example, if he is using cut-bait that is 1/2-inch in size and catching a lot of small fish, he increases the size of the bait to 1 inch or greater.

"When fishing for catfish, remember that they, like most fish, are structurally oriented and will relate to key irregular features such as submerged creek mouths, edges, bars, shoals, ridges, secondary points



Bill Dance holds aloft a monster catfish.

PHOTO BY TIM TUCKER

and banks, channel banks, and high spots on the bottom of the lake or creek floor," Dance said.

"One of my most productive big-cat scenarios involves exploring small tributaries and creeks during the warmer months. Not only do most large catfish go unmolested in these small waters, but they will most often position themselves in some obvious places."

As long as the weather and water conditions remain stable, big catfish will move along very definable routes, according to Dance. If you find them using a certain area at a particular time of day or night, it's probable that you will find them there for the next several days or even weeks.

"Remember that you can't always judge the size of the catfish by the size of its warty home," he said. "Some of the biggest cats I've ever seen were pulled from surprisingly small bodies of water."

## Tips From the Pros



TOMMY BIFFLE is a two-time BASS winner and past MegaBucks champion. He lives in Wagoner, Okla.

### Flipping/Pitching for Big Bass

"On the tournament trail, pitching has replaced flipping in most situations. I probably only flip 10 to 15 percent of the time and pitch the rest. If I'm working a straight bank with a series of buck bushes or some type of cover like reeds where you just keep dropping the bait from one hole to another, I'll flip it — as long as it has at least 3 feet of water on it and the water is off-colored.

"Pitching is my main technique, but there is a role for flipping. You just have to know when to use it.

"For both flipping and pitching, I use four lure combinations throughout the year: a 3/8- or 1/2-ounce jig and an 800 or No. 1 Uncle Josh pork chunk; the same jig with a plastic crawfish trailer; a Luck 'E' Strike Biffle MegaClaw with a 3/16-ounce weight and a 5/0 YMC hook; a big-bodied 8-inch paddletail worm. My choice of rod and reel are the same for both techniques — a 7 1/2-foot Quantum Tour Edition rod and Quantum Energy reel."

## YOUR SPORTS

# Hunter, Hound Trek Canadian Wilds Together

By SANDRA PHINNEY

Greg Woodworth has been a lineman for the phone company in Nova Scotia approaching 30 years. He loves his job, and he especially loves the vacation time he's earned — which means he can hunt raccoons and bobcats with his coon dogs several weeks each winter. It is a passion he's nurtured since he was a boy.

Woodworth's father and grandfather were avid hunters, so it was natural for him to grow up learning about the woods: how to use a compass, how to track, how to use firearms safely, and how to skin and dress an animal.

And his favorite hunting companions? His treeing walkers. Woodworth has four of the dogs. Over the years, he's bought and trained a variety of coon hounds, including the red tick, black and tan, and blue tick, but his favorite is the treeing walker.

"They've got the speed and they drift the track well. When they're running the track, they could be off 80 to 90 feet or more, taking the scent out of the air." He uses them for hunting raccoons and bobcats, and has trained them to stay off other animals such as deer, coyote and rabbits. Although he enjoys hunting raccoons, the bobcat is his preferred quarry.

He remembers the days when a bobcat hide would bring in \$500. Now it's more like \$25. However, he doesn't earn his livelihood from the pelts, so it's not a critical factor. Like many hobbyists, Woodworth has spent a small fortune on his dogs and their training. Plus there is the hunting equipment, including tracking gear, which allows him to locate his dogs up to 10 miles away.

Woodworth praises the dogs' ability to follow even the faintest scent. "My dogs can take a track that's 15-18 hours old and go with it, work it up," he said.

He adds that when a bobcat jumps to a tree, it can leap from 15 feet away and hit the tree as high as 10 feet up — then climb another 20 feet.

"So you need a special type of dog with a good locating nose that can figure out where that cat has gone, because that cat just doesn't go to the base of the tree and walk up."

Woodworth also puts his skills to work as a volunteer dealing with nuisance wildlife. He receives calls from homeowners who have trouble with bears, squirrels or raccoons — or a weasel in the attic, as one woman recently had. Woodworth smiles ruefully as he relates the tale. It's not quite the same as being on snowshoes, tracking a bobcat.

Woodworth has been a devotee of snowshoeing since the late 1960s, when he decided to get a pair of custom-made snowshoes so he could get around in the deep snow.

He recently had his all-time favorite pair restrung. Originally made with rawhide from a moose, they started to wear and break after years of use, so he had them restrung with nylon. He lists numerous advantages of the nylon: "There's no stretching to it; nylon doesn't soak up the water; I don't have to shellac them after each season; and they sure are lighter!"

This winter, Nova Scotians were subjected to a blizzard that dumped 2 feet of snow, with drifts as high as 6 feet. While most people moaned and complained about the snow, Woodworth donned his snowshoes and happily trekked a few miles for the pure pleasure of it.

"There's nothing like being able to scoot across the snow," he said. "Once you get your first road made with your shoes, when you come back, you can really glide along at a good clip."

His snowshoes carry him quietly into the wilderness, where he finds what he is really hunting for: solitude. "Being alone, the stars and the moon, enjoying nature and your dogs," Woodworth said. "You have to be there to understand it."



Greg Woodworth with one of his coon dogs.

PHOTO BY SANDRA PHINNEY

## PRO BASS FISHING RESULTS

### Georgia Top 150

Here are the top finishers in the Big Kmart BASSMASTER Top 150 tournament Feb. 23-26 on Lake Seminole at Bainbridge, Ga., including angler, hometown, total catch (and number of dead fish), total weight, and earnings.

1. Shaw E. Grigsby Jr., Gainesville, Fla.	20/0	73-14	\$100,000
2. Jim Murray Jr., Cordele, Ga.	20/0	63-14	\$38,000
3. Bud Pruitt, Sam Rayburn, Texas	20/1	62-5	\$28,000
4. Timmy Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala.	20/0	59-2	\$15,000
5. Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif.	19/0	58-0	\$14,000
6. Bernie Schultz, Gainesville, Fla.	20/0	57-13	\$11,000
7. Ray Sedgewick, Cross, S.C.	16/0	49-2	\$10,000
8. Peter E. Thilver, Jacksonville, Fla.	14/0	46-2	\$8,000
9. Carroll Hagood, Ashburnville, Ala.	13/0	44-5	\$7,000
10. Ken Cook, Henri, Okla.	13/0	40-3	\$5,500
11. Dean Rojas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.	13/0	39-11	\$5,750
12. Mark Pack, Mineola, Texas	14/0	39-11	\$5,750
13. Randy Howell, Trussville, Ala.	14/0	39-10	\$5,000
14. Carl Maxfield, Summerville, S.C.	13/0	39-2	\$4,700
15. Gary Klein, Weatherford, Texas	14/0	38-13	\$4,500
16. Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas	15/0	38-8	\$4,000
17. Jay Velas, Tyler, Texas	15/0	36-13	\$4,000
18. Sweet Reese, Cotati, Calif.	15/0	36-13	\$4,000
19. Dion Hibdon, Stover, Mo.	13/0	36-4	\$4,000
20. Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich.	15/0	33-4	\$4,000
21. Tom Mann, Jr., Buford, Ga.	12/0	35-2	\$3,500
22. Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark.	15/0	35-1	\$3,500
23. Danny Kirk, Bartow, Fla.	12/0	35-1	\$3,500
24. Jeff Fletcher, Golden, Mo.	14/0	33-14	\$3,500
25. Kyle Greene, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	12/0	33-14	\$3,500
26. Pete Gluszek, Pittsboro, N.J.	15/0	33-5	\$3,200
27. Chris Baumgardner, Gastonia, N.C.	15/0	33-3	\$3,200
28. Mickey Bruce, Buford, Ga.	13/0	33-1	\$3,200
29. Alton Jones, Waco, Texas	11/0	32-11	\$3,200
30. Todd Faircloth, Jasper, Texas	10/0	32-8	\$3,200

31. Stacey D. King, Reeds Spring, Mo.	14/0	32-4	\$2,800
32. Tommy Martin, Hemphill, Texas	14/0	31-15	\$2,800
33. George Cochran, Hot Springs, Ark.	10/0	31-9	\$2,800
34. Lee Bailey Jr., Amston, Conn.	12/0	31-8	\$2,800
35. Jerry Williams, Conway, Ark.	11/0	30-15	\$2,800
36. Gary Howington, Gadsden, Ala.	11/0	29-6	\$2,800
37. Mike Burn, Hot Springs, Ark.	12/0	29-0	\$2,800
38. Rick Morris, Virginia Beach, Va.	11/0	28-12	\$2,800
39. Ron Shuffield, Bismarck, Ark.	14/0	27-13	\$2,800
40. Randy Blaukat, Lamar, Mo.	8/0	27-12	\$2,800
41. David Wharton, Sam Rayburn, Texas	12/0	27-10	
42. Lendell Martin Jr., Nacogdoches, Texas	13/0	27-7	
43. Chad Brazer, Osage Beach, Mo.	15/0	27-6	
44. Takahiro Otonari, Emory, Texas	11/0	27-0	
45. Dalton Bobo, Northport, Ala.	9/0	26-14	
46. Kim Spricker, Howell, Mich.	12/0	26-9	
47. Gerald Swindler, Warrior, Ala.	8/0	26-8	
48. Tom Biffle, Wagoner, Okla.	14/0	26-4	
49. David Gregg, Grand Prairie, Texas	13/0	26-5	
50. Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Hts., N.J.	13/0	26-0	
51. Ken McIntosh, Leesburg, Ind.	10/0	25-15	
52. Rick Lilligard, Atkinson, N.H.	10/0	25-14	
53. Kenyon Hill, Norman, Okla.	10/0	25-14	
54. Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo.	15/0	25-10	
55. Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla.	13/0	25-8	
56. Mark Menendez, Paducah, Ky.	14/0	25-8	
57. Guy H. Eaker, Cherryville, N.C.	11/0	25-6	
58. Toshiharu Namiki, Japan	12/0	25-6	
59. Norio Tanabe, Japan	11/0	25-3	
60. Doyle Hodgkin, Apex, N.C.	9/0	25-3	
61. Jack L. Wade, Knoxville, Tenn.	9/0	25-2	
62. Mark Menendez, Paducah, Ky.	11/0	24-11	
63. Jeff Welch, Mesquite, Texas	11/0	24-10	
64. Scott Canelas, Pelham, N.H.	12/0	24-9	
65. Mark Tucker, Kirkwood, Mo.	9/0	24-5	
66. Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark.	13/0	23-13	

## GEAR AND GOODIES

### Bottom Line's Affordable New Depthfinder

The biggest obstacle for young or inexperienced anglers when it comes to learning to use depthfinding electronics is the cost involved in purchasing even the simplest of these units. In most cases, it costs plenty to own a decent depthfinder.

Until now. With the express goal of developing a sonar unit that every angler could afford to install on his or her boat, Bottom Line designed its new Tournament Leader 1200. At a price of around \$150, the result may just be the most affordable quality depthfinder on the market.

The Tournament Leader 1200 has an impressively detailed display with 1,000 pixels per square inch. The unit also has a multi-

screen picture that shows two side views out to 120 feet and a bottom view of down to 240 feet. The screen also provides digital readings for depth (in feet or meters), water temperature, low battery indicator and boat speed (optional).

The unit is 6 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches in size and fits on a gimbal mount bracket. This depthfinder comes with a full one-year warranty, as well as a limited lifetime warranty.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Bottom Line at (208) 887-1000.



**TRACKS**  
Stats and Standings  
Through Feb. 28, 2000

NASCAR  
Winston Cup  
Series through  
2 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Dale Jarrett/\$2,525,319	340	1
2. Bobby Labonte/\$403,081	335	1
3. Ward Burton/\$291,606	312	0
4. Mark Martin/\$423,381	307	0
5. Rusty Wallace/\$529,881	295	0
6. Jeremy Mayfield/\$187,156	275	0
7. Dale Earnhardt/\$210,031	275	0
8. Ricky Rudd/\$239,406	273	0
9. Tony Stewart/\$245,916	272	0
10. Ken Schrader/\$224,256	262	0

**Leading Stats** (through 2 races)

Driver	Miles led	Times led	Races won	Miles run
1. Dale Jarrett	222	3	1	898
2. Mark Martin	188	4	2	898
3. Bobby Labonte	136	2	1	899
4. Ward Burton	101	4	1	899
5. Johnny Benson	97	1	1	897
6. Bobby Hamilton	42	3	1	544
7. Rusty Wallace	37	2	1	897
8. Steve Park	34	3	1	891
9. Jeff Gordon	16	3	1	886
10. Mike Skinner	7	1	1	896

Next Winston Cup race:  
CarsDirect.com 400, March 5;  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

NASCAR  
BUSCH  
through  
2 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Matt Kenseth/\$115,925	318	1
2. Kenny Wallace/\$42,875	300	0
3. Jason Keller/\$56,125	287	0
4. Jay Sauter/\$53,050	281	0
5. Randy LaJoie/\$58,175	276	0
6. Mike Dillon/\$38,525	250	0
7. Ron Hornaday Jr./\$49,650	242	0
8. Hermie Sadler/\$31,600	224	0
9. Hank Parker Jr./\$43,725	222	0
10. Phil Parsons/\$38,375	218	0

Next Busch race: Sam's Town 300, March 4;  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway

NASCAR  
CRAFTSMAN  
TRUCK  
through  
2 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Mike Wallace/\$109,650	355	1
2. Andy Houston/\$89,251	350	1
3. Kurt Busch/\$64,075	308	0
4. Terry Cook/\$41,253	307	0
5. Greg Biffle/\$33,108	300	0
6. Joe Ruttman/\$33,168	276	0
7. Steve Orson/\$25,500	269	0
8. Randy Tolma/\$28,493	268	0
9. Randy MacDonald/\$28,440	253	0
10. Marty Houston/\$27,543	253	0

Next Craftsman race: Chevy Trucks  
NASCAR 150, March 18; Phoenix  
International Raceway

**By the numbers**

A glance at recent first-time winners on the Busch circuit:

- 1999: Casey Atwood, Andy Santerre, Mike Skinner
- 1998: Ed Berrier, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Ron Fellows, Matt Kenseth
- 1997: Joe Bessey, Jeff Green, Steve Park, Elliott Sadler, Dick Trickle
- 1996: Jeff Fuller, Buckshot Jones, Randy LaJoie, Kevin Lepage, Jeff Purvis, Greg Sacks
- 1995: Tim Fedewa, Jason Keller, Chad Little, Mike McLaughlin
- 1994: Johnny Benson, Derrico Cope, Elton Sawyer, Dennis Setzer, Mike Wallace
- 1993: Bill Elliott, Tracy Leslie, Johnny Rumley, Hermie Sadler
- 1992: Ward Burton, Bobby Dotter, Jeff Gordon, Joe Nemechek

**On the air**

**Feb. 28 - March 5**  
**Busch:**  
Sam's Town 300  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Saturday, March 4, 4 p.m. ET;  
ESPN2  
Radio: 3:45 p.m. ET; MRN  
**Winston Cup:**  
CarsDirect.com 400  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Sunday, March 5, 2:30 p.m.  
ET; ABC  
Radio: 2:15 p.m. ET; MRN  
**Inside NASCAR:**  
Ned Jarrett, Stephanie Durner  
and Steve Waid host this  
series dedicated to NASCAR  
with field reporters Phil Werz,  
Randy Pemberton and Mike  
Massaro.  
Sunday, March 5, 10 a.m. ET

# TRACK & SPEED

**Fast Fact**

Sunday at Rockingham, Dave Marcis became the second driver to race in five different decades, joining Richard Petty.



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**Bill Elliott ran his first race 25 years ago, and he has no plans to slow down**

By HENRY MILLER

**B**ILL Elliott can remember the amount of the check he earned for running his first Winston Cup race: a whopping \$640.

He qualified 34th in his first official start, in the Carolina 500 at North Carolina Motor Speedway. He drove his powder-blue Ford Grand Torino to a 33rd-place finish, and the legacy of "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" began.

Now, 25 years later, Elliott's a 44-year-old veteran who has been there and has definitely done that.

"However, where Elliott has been and what he's done lately have been anything but awesome. The driver of the No. 94 McDonald's Ford finished 1999 with four finishes of 18th or better in the final 21 races.

Things may be changing, though. Elliott is full of energy now, and he should be. He won his Gatorade Twin 125 qualifying race and then finished third in the Daytona 500 - a start to his 25th anniversary season that is just what the doctor ordered.

"I believe it is [a rebirth]," said Elliott, who hasn't won a Winston Cup points race since the 1994 Southern 500 at Darlington. "A lot of people kind of wrote me off for a while, and I think after Daytona, we're still a viable team, and given the right circumstances, we're as good as anybody out there."

Elliott's career is one of the greatest in the

history of NASCAR and Winston Cup racing. He's won 49 poles, 40 races and the 1988 Winston Cup championship. He has finished in the top 10 in the final point standings 12 times, including seven appearances in the top four.

In 1985 he won 11 races, 11 poles, more than \$2.4 million and finished second in the point standings.

And he admittedly owes many of his eye-opening numbers to his dad, whom Elliott says pushed him along in the right direction. Elliott also owes some of his career to that first big break in North Carolina.

"It was just the standpoint of, where could I go with the lack of experience that I had to make a race?" Elliott said. "I had tried to make Atlanta in the fall of '75 and I didn't run fast enough. So we started pretty much at Rockingham. That led us into the next race and then the next race."

Today Elliott can boast of winning at 13 different tracks. But the race at Rockingham on Feb. 29, 1976, holds a special place in his heart.

"It was something that was totally out of my realm of thinking," Elliott said. "I was just trying to get in the race and get some experience and learn the cars."

"Man, it was different. I don't know that I had a clue that I knew what I was doing, but I was there to learn."

The fact that Elliott was even there amazes him when he looks back. His family didn't have a lot of money - his dad ran a building-supply

business before he sold it and acquired a small Ford dealership - and the team struggled from week to week just to show up.

"We bought used tires, we did everything we possibly could just to make it to the races. If a person came in today, there would be no way on earth he could survive like we tried to survive back in those days," Elliott said. "We'd go and sleep in the back of a truck - we did everything. It was pretty incredible to be able to survive it and be able to be where I'm at today."

Things were so difficult for Elliott at one point that he and his dad drove from their home in Georgia to Daytona Beach, Fla., in search of Bill France Sr.

"We asked him if he would help us run Talladega," Elliott said. "I'll never forget, he gave us \$1,500 to help us get there. He said he'd help us, so we turned around, got back in the car and drove back home."

"It was incredible, the things we went through."

Last year, McDonald's announced that it would not renew its sponsorship of Elliott. Sources close to Elliott have said, though, that he will sell his team for the 2001 season and drive for Ray Evernham and his two-car Dodge operation. Elliott has said very little on the issue. The only thing he says he's concerned with is getting back into the form that earned him his "Awesome Bill" nickname.

"I'm still a competitive person," Elliott said. "I still want to win."

## Ward Burton is revved up and ready to win

By HENRY MILLER

**W**ARD Burton is huffing and puffing. He figures if he keeps it up, he'll blow the house down.

Burton, driver of the No. 22 Caterpillar Pontiac owned by Bill Davis, has been the bridesmaid of bridesmaids, especially for the last two years. Last year he finished second three times, each time to his brother Jeff. This year, just two races into the season, he's already had a car good enough to drive into victory lane, only to finish third in the DuraLube 400 at North Carolina Speedway.

"We're happy with a top-five finish this early in the season," Ward Burton said. "I've been fortunate to have some good teams give me some good cars."

The 38-year-old South Boston, Va., native, whose last - and only - Winston Cup win came at the same North Carolina Speedway in 1995, said he



Ward Burton

refuses to get depressed over all the close calls and won't add pressure to himself or his team, or let the team get discouraged. After all, those close calls were still good enough to put him a career-best ninth, up from 16th the year before, in the final Winston Cup point standings last year. The close call also

has him third in those standings after two races this year.

Burton, now in his seventh full Winston Cup season, said the key is to not let all the headlines and any negative press get to him and make him lose focus.

"The media is my friend," Burton said. "But I can't let the media put undo pressure on myself and my team. I feel like if we do that, I'm going to drive and take chances I shouldn't."

Burton can say that from experience, realizing that last year he and crew chief Tommy Baldwin did some things that hurt the team near the end of the season.

"We were both trying and doing things that were over our head - over what the equipment would let us do," Burton said. "We've just got to keep doing what we're doing."

"We're trying to run all the laps first, and race as hard as we can every lap, also, but we've got to finish the races to

try to win."

Burton had his best year as a Winston Cup driver last season, finishing with five top-five finishes, 15 top-10 finishes and one pole. His three DNFs (did not finish) were also a career high.

But he, like any other driver, wants to get into victory lane.

"I'm thinking about that every time we get in the car," Burton said. "I'm not going to put any undo pressure on ourselves. If we keep running like that, a win will come for us. We've just got to wait our turn."

**First start:** March 6, 1994 (Richmond)  
**Poles won:** 6  
**Races won:** 1 (North Carolina Speedway, Oct. 22, 1995)  
**Career Winston Cup races:** 182  
**Career top fives:** 12  
**Career top 10s:** 40

**In Brief**

**Aqua Velva man**

Rich Bickle and Aqua Velva are teaming up again this year for five races, beginning with the Sam's Town 300 on March 4 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Additional stops on the Aqua Velva NBS racing calendar include Concord, N.C. (May 27), Dover, Del. (June 3), West Allis, Wis. (July 1) and Phoenix (Nov. 4). The program is an extension of a 1999 two-race association in which Aqua Velva supported Bickle at Michigan Speedway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. At Michigan, engine trouble caused Bickle to finish 39th, but at Homestead, the team enjoyed a strong performance until a caution late in the race caused Bickle to fall a lap down and finish 11th.

**This Week's Track**

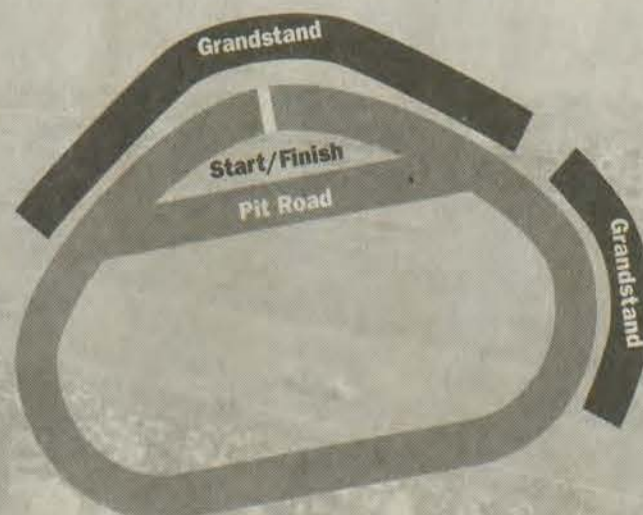
**Las Vegas Motor Speedway: Las Vegas, Nev.**

**Length:**  
1.5 miles

**Qualifying record:**  
Dale Jarrett,  
168.224 mph, Feb. 27,  
1998

**Race record:**  
Mark Martin,  
146.530 mph, March 1,  
1998

**Last year:**  
Las Vegas 400  
March 7, 1999  
Won by Jeff Burton



**Listen up**

**I went in that trailer more than I've been in that trailer for 10 years. I came up short every time. If I was making a living selling cars like that, I'd be broke.**

- Rick Hendrick talking about going into the NASCAR trailer in an attempt to get NASCAR to change its rules so Chevy wasn't at such a "disadvantage" against the new Ford

# 58th District Girls Champs



## 58th District Girls Runners-up



## 58th District Girls All-District



## 58th District Girls All-Conference



# Read all about it

## This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

### FIRESIDE MUSINGS

Winter Wonderland—pooye! ... Boreas, youse is a villain worse than Fagin... Please no further mention of "old-fashioned winters"—we're convinced... Wonder if it could be arranged to pay gas bills like income taxes, in installments? ...The snow stopped the flu, one optimist opined—but a misanthrope wanted to know how much that helped us who had the flu first... If that snowdrift moves, don't shoot—it may be me...

Only 11 more days till Spring-trala.

The best thing that could happen during this cold weather would be for a smile to freeze on some folks' faces.

### IT ALL DEPENDS

A reader sends this desk a newspaper clipping telling of a Kenton County judge slapping jail terms on parents who fail to provide for their children, requiring them to work during the day to support their youngsters, then return to spend nights in prison. "This should make good reading to some readers of The Times," our correspondent writes. And we comment: It will not be good reading to some, too.

### HE TAKES THE PLEDGE

We have been receiving considerable mail from out-of-state readers, most of them from Ohio, since the Kentucky bonus law was enacted. One regular contribution is an "Application for Reinstatement of Citizenship in the State of Kentucky." Strikes me that I've printed a part of this "application" before, but nobody around the office agrees, and so here is the "pledge" signed by the applicant after he lists his name, his woman's name, the number of his young'uns, etc.:

"I do hereby pledge that me, my woman, and all my kids, wish to return to make our home in the state of Kentucky. I further pledge that I had no idea of being a Yankee for life when I left, and that I have had no Yankee children while gone from this state. I pledge that I have not been a resident in Yankee territory for more than three years, and I have been faithful to return every holiday.

"I further pledge that the only Yankee-acquired possession that I will bring back with me is money. I pledge that I will in no way try to smuggle shoes into the state of Kentucky, and that I have not tried to learn the English language.

"I pledge that the only laws I will obey will be the "Code of the Hills." This one before me happens to be signed by Branch Robertson, who says he would like to settle down in Stover Hollow at Lackey. He reports that he lived in "this hyar" state 40 years, 6 months, 5 days, 27 hours and 73 minutes before migrating to "furrin" territory.

He explains the 27 hours and 73 minutes by saying that in Kentucky, you live more hours in the day and more minutes in the hour than you do elsewhere.

### SCIENCE LESSON

We have no objection to science and we have no standing quarrel with scientists, even though they have made such a major contribution to the world as the means for man to blow himself and his world into smithereens.

But while some scientists were rigging up the A-bomb and its big cousin, the H-bomb, and others were fighting to keep man alive with penicillin and a whole flock of helpful antibiotics, here comes along an Oxford University zoologist who spends 30 years nursing a theory and who at last announces to an unsuspecting world that man is descended directly from a hairless ape that ages ago lived in the sea.

This critter, he declares, was getting along reasonably well—at least managing to stay off relief, we would say—while living on land, but the competition became something awful and he began wading shallow, offshore waters to grope for food.

As everybody who watches televi-

The Times salutes those schools throughout Floyd County where special reading programs have taken place in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.

Members of the Times staff, most of whom are avid readers, began reminiscing about their early experiences with reading. In honor of Dr. Seuss and all other writers who have helped us to enjoy reading, here are some recollections.



### Favorite time of day

The first reading experience that I can recall is when I was in the first grade at Prater Grade School. My first grade teacher, who was also my aunt, Mrs. Conn, would read to us every day after lunch.

We would have lunch around 11:30, and then we would have recess, yes, recess. After we returned to the room, everyone would get in the seats and listen.

Mrs. Conn would sit in front of the room, and you could always hear a pin drop it would be so quiet. That was everyone's favorite time of the day. She would read to us the adventures of Brer Rabbit.

I can remember it being a huge book, and she would read us a chapter each day. We would look so forward to this time each day.

Another fond memory of this time of the day is of a little boy who came to our school when I was in the first grade. He was a foster child and lived beside the school.

His name was Jimmy, and every day, come story time, he would always sit in Mrs. Conn's lap while she would read to us. He would always beg for Mrs. Conn to read more.

Mrs. Conn taught first and second grade at Prater Elementary for many years. She taught the majority of people on Prater to read. She was so enjoyable to listen to. She had such a pleasant voice and put such enthusiasm into the stories that she read.

My Aunt Gladys (Mrs. Conn) was the first person who got me interested in reading. She has inspired me in a lot of other areas of my life. I don't read as much as I would like to, due to the lack of time, but I have always taken the time to read to my children.

Reading is such a great learning tool and a way to experience things that one may never get to experience physically.

I think that children should be encouraged more to read and to develop the love for reading.

Mrs. Conn has since moved from Prater Creek. She lives in Somerset now with her son. She is 84 years old and everyone on Prater still looks up to Mrs. Conn, and we all miss her. She inspired all of her students. She had a genuine love for children and teaching.

—Karen Joseph, Editorial

### The good sister

It was just my brother and I growing up. He is seven years younger, so I had to read to him a lot. "Green Eggs and Ham" was one book I read over and over.

Cinderella was one of my favorite stories.

When I got older and had children of my own, I enjoyed reading to them. Dr. Seuss was their favorite author. I always enjoyed watching their eyes light up when I would read to them.

So, reading has been important to me.

—Donna Jewell, Receptionist

### Reading was favorite 'R'

"Readin', 'writin, and 'rithmetic!" The 3R's every kid needs to learn while going through school. Learning to read, write and figure is important in all phases of our lives.

But learning to read is key to doing the other two. I recall when I attended my first official class (I made a lot of unofficial visits at Martin Elementary and was sent home at times), I was really excited about finally getting to attend school.

To me, it was a big deal. No, it was a big, big deal.



I was one of those who was fortunate enough to begin getting an education at the age of five. I remember the very first day of entering the classroom and getting assigned a seat.

My sister, Doris Ann, walked me to school that day and took me to the room where I would begin the adventure of getting an education. Unlike today, for us in the mid 1940s, school was "a good place to go." We enjoyed one another's friendship, and we had our physical battles, as well.

Alva Davis was my first grade teacher. I will never forget her. She was a kind person, but firm. She knew that we were there for the first year and wanted us to feel like we belonged there right at the start.

The reading period was one that I looked forward to. Of course, as a first-grader, you didn't have to know how to do multiplication (and that's another matter all together), run a computer or any of that fancy stuff like verbs, adverbs, adjectives, etc.

But reading. That was important! As stated, it would be hard to do math problems if you don't know how to read them.

The reader we learned from was called the "primer," and we had our little circle where we sat and each would read.

It wasn't easy at the start. But Mrs. Davis was very patient. You would have to be to be a first-grade teacher.

In the primer, we read about Bill, Susan and some dog called Perky.

As my ability to read increased, I aggravated my parents (and the rest of the household) by going around and repeating words from that little book.

You know how young kids of five have trouble pronouncing words, well, I had a problem with "look."

The little book read like this: "Look, look, see Bill run, see Susan run." I had a problem with the letter "L." Mine came out, "ook, ook, see Bill run, see Susan run."

My mom was always correcting me. I learned a little reading before I attended school officially, and it helped me, but those reading sessions were valuable and through the other 11 years, the groundwork was set in that little reading circle. Learning to read was very exciting for me.

Ted Akers was my sixth grade teacher and he purchased me a book to read. He knew I liked to read, and he wrote in it: "Reading maketh a man!" I never forgot those words.

—Ed Taylor, Editorial

### Mammaw's lap

I've always loved to read. My earliest memories of reading are of sitting on my Mammaw Eliza's lap and her reading "Puss 'n Boots."

In elementary school, my favorite day of the week was when the class went to the library. I would read my book the day I got it.

The librarian even started telling my classmates to ask me to recommend what book to read.

During high school, I spent my study hall working in the school library. My friends and I even started a book club.

Up until my son, Leland, was born, you could find me spending my spare time with my nose buried in a book of some sort. Nowadays, my reading consists mainly of "Winnie the Pooh," "Sesame Street," and other children's stories.

But I enjoy it, because I want to pass on my love of reading to my son. I hope he enjoys it as much as I do.

—J.L. Ousley, Bookkeeping

### Cheers for the Bookmobile

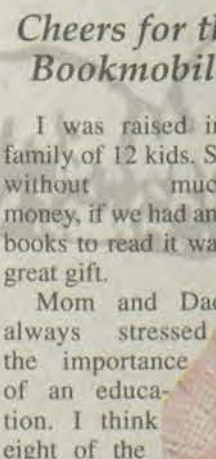
I was raised in a family of 12 kids. So, without much money, if we had any books to read it was a great gift.

Mom and Dad always stressed the importance of an education. I think eight of the 12 kids have a college degree.

During summer vacation, we kids couldn't wait for the Bookmobile to come around to get books to read.

Reading is a very important part of my life.

—Patty Wilson, Circulation



### It's 'boxcars' for Willie

First book I read or at least the first one I can remember that really touched me — "The Boxcar Children."

I think the book is still around and used often in lower grades. I can still remember how I would curl up on a cold Sunday afternoon and empathize with those children who were so destitute in so many ways, except one — they truly loved and cared for one another.

As I read that book, I did what a reader is supposed to do if the book accomplishes its goal — I became a part of the action. I asked how could people be so mean to children as nice and sweet as we were. It also struck me at this time that life is not fair. I wasn't exactly thrilled by that observation, but I knew it was true.

If you have a copy of "The Boxcar Children," let me borrow it, and I will reread it and see if any of the magic can be repeated.

—Willie Elliott, Editorial

### Jesse Stuart and Dr. Seuss made a reader out of me

One of my first memories of reading came from my mother. In our youth, living in a huge, cold, and drafty house, my siblings and I would gather around my Mom as she would read from the Bible.

Not confident in her abilities to read aloud and consumed by the duties of taking care of four children, her readings were rare.

After entering school and through the fourth grade, I consistently came under the tutelage of teachers who loved Jesse Stuart, specifically the story "A Penny's Worth of Character."

After at least three teachers used the story in their lesson plans, I checked the book out and read it myself.

But my favorite childhood author was Dr. Seuss. Before I was seven, I could recite "Green Eggs and Ham."

Dr. Seuss was a master of weaving wonderful rhymes and creating outrageously silly characters. His books were always full of intriguing stories that could keep a young mind attached.

From the Star Bellied Sneetches to the Cat in the Hat, the unexpected next turn in the story could keep a child intrigued. His artistic inventiveness made reading fun. It made me want to find the next book he had written.

Other books in the Cat in the Hat series included beginner's books. The highly emotional and tender story of the baby bird who lost its mother was a school favorite. "Are You My Mother" and the adventurous "Go Dog Go," written by P.D. Eastman, were a couple books that kept me, as an elementary student, riveted.

Jesse Stuart, Dr. Seuss and the Cat in the Hat series, so innocent and clean, have built a foundation for quality reading skills for many, including my own children and me.

—Randell Reno, Editorial

### The voice of a big family

I guess my love of reading started at an early age. I'm the 13th of 14 children and there was always someone around to read to me.

By the time I was halfway through grade school, I had probably read every book that interested me in our school library.

Through the years, I have read thousands of books; it's as if my mind has to be occupied at all times.

I have also instilled in my son a love of reading. I've read to him since he was a baby. He's in first grade now and has received many accelerated reader certificates.

—Sandra Bunting, Classified Advertising



### Sorry, Toby

My earliest memories of reading are in kindergarten. My teacher, Mrs. Pittman, would sit in her "story chair" — a big, pink, hippo-looking chair, and we would all circle her.

She would read Dr. Seuss books. I remember being impressed with how she would hold the book so we could see the pictures. It seemed she was able to read anything upside-down.

I also got into trouble for whispering to my little friend, Toby, during story time.

Actually, I was teaching Toby to spell his name. Mrs. Pittman made me stand in the corner one day and was about to paddle me — with one of those paddles with the long rubber band and a small ball that bounced off the paddle.

Anyway, I was explaining that story time was my and Toby's spelling time. She was going to punish me, but she let me explain and she discovered I was teaching Toby to spell his name T-o-b-e.

It took him quite some time to change the "e" to a "y."

Now, as I read Dr. Seuss to my daughter, Brianne, I think back to Mrs. Pittman and Little Tobe — I mean Toby, and see the world through my child's eyes.

Left foot, left foot, left foot, right. Feet in the morning, feet at night!

I know "The Foot Book" by heart and enjoy reading it to Brianne every night before bed.

Reading is a way for me to relax by myself, and I am grateful to Mrs. Pittman for making it fun and for encouraging us to read at such a young age.

So far, Brianne loves her books and prefers them over any toy or doll. I hope the love for reading grows as she does.

—Tammy Jo Hatfield, Advertising

### Growing up, reading

My earliest recollections of reading were those reading assignments in school, and we did them.

I recall my mother reading with me, as we studied my lessons together. I recall reading Erle Stanley Gardner in the Saturday Evening Post ... then there was the Wild West Weekly.

We always had newspapers and magazines at home, and I recall that my dad always brought home the "Sunday" paper on Thursday evening.

My dad was always reading, curled up in his favorite chair. He was self-educated and always had reading material in hand when he was not running the linotype at the Floyd County Times.

Then, there was my older sister who was banished from the dinner table, because she insisted on reading while she ate.

Thankfully, this love of reading has spilled over into my family.

—Jimmy Goble, Composing

### Starting at home

Learning to read came easy to me because my older brother and sisters would read to me from their schoolbooks. In fact, they could practice their own reading skills and learn many of their lessons by reading to me.

I couldn't wait to read on my own. I have been reading as often as I can ever since — books, magazines, newspapers, you name it.

—Mike Burke, Composing

### The sweet taste of books

The old Kroger store in downtown Paintsville will always have a sweet place in my memory.

The overwhelming smell of fresh-ground

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# Things to Ponder

## Is everyone happy?

As one might suspect, comments are heard almost daily in my line of work about feeling "happy." There is, "I don't know what I want, but I just want to be happy!" Another perspective is, "All I want to do is keep her happy."

Isn't it said that the purpose of many is the pursuit of love and happiness? Would we know it if we saw it? What does it mean?

An old dictionary, grabbed from the shelf in a hurry, described the adjective form of happy—"blissful, cheerful, content, delighted, ecstatic, exalted, gay, glad, joyful, rapturous, thrilled, rhapsodic, and ravished." Maybe we've had it and didn't know it.

The "Special Issue on Happiness, Excellence, and Optimal Human Functioning" (American Psychologist, 1/2000, Journal of the American Psychological Association), really stimulated my interest, especially an article concerning "The Funds, Friends, and Faith of Happy People (David G. Myers)."

Another thing one might suspect is that much less psychological research has been done on the question of "happy," but, over the century, the focus has been mainly illness rather than health, fear more than courage, and aggression more than love.

Examples of psychological research topics, since 1887 (considered the beginning of professional psychology), have included: 8,072 on anger, 57,800 on anxiety, and 70,856 on depression, versus 851 mentioned joy, 2,958 happiness, and 5,701 life satisfaction, a 14-to-1 ratio.

Even though human suffering and misery need to be understood, newer scientific pursuit of happiness and life-satisfaction, called "subjective well-being," began with two simple questions: "how happy are people, and who are the happy people—what characteristics, traits, and circumstances mark happy lives?"

By all means, we should be sure of what it is, when we see it, since we seem to be so intent on having and keeping it—happiness.

How happy are people? As shown in our classical stories, a traditional view of life has been as a tragedy. A Greek writer, Sophocles, observed, "Not to be born is, past all prizing, best." The modern writer Woody Allen (in "Annie Hall") described two kinds of lives, the horrible and the merely miserable. "Our pains greatly exceed our pleasures (Rousseau)." "We are not born for happiness (Samuel Johnson)."

Some experts in 1986 estimated that 20 percent of Americans are happy, while others thought it would be lower. Another writer probably surmised for many, "Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults."

In contrast, after inquiries about their happiness, many across the world present a much more positive picture. For example, three in 10 Americans say they are "very happy"; only one in 10 say they are "not too happy"; and the six left responded, "pretty happy."

In western Europe and North America, eight in 10 assess themselves as more satisfied than dissatisfied,

some three-fourths of people say "yes" to feeling excited, proud, etc., and no more than one-third reported feeling lonely, bored, or depressed.

Among Detroit area citizens, more than nine in 10 people expressed how they felt happy.

A large survey of American adults rated the following individuals as the happiest: Oprah Winfrey—23 percent; Bill Gates—seven percent; the Pope—12 percent; Chelsea Clinton—three percent; and "yourself"—49 percent. These positive reports characterize all ages, both sexes, all races studied, and all ways for assessing subjective well-being, plus paging people to report their moods.

The few exceptions to these happiness numbers include hospitalized alcoholics, newly incarcerated inmates, new therapy clients, South African blacks under apartheid, and students living under conditions of political suppression.

However, one-half of psychology students thought the elderly are "mostly unhappy" and one-third guessed that unemployed men were also unhappy.

Whether others agree with you or not, each of us is the final judge of our subjective well-being. "If you feel happy, you are happy." It has been found that self-reports of happiness are reasonably stable over time, even though there are changes in life circumstances.

In addition, family members and close friends also rated similarly those indicating they were happy. Daily mood ratings reflected mostly positive emotions.

Self-reported happiness predicts other indicators of well being; happy people are less self-focused, less hostile and abusive; and less vulnerable to disease. They are also more loving, forgiving, trusting, energetic, decisive, creative, sociable, and helpful.

Even though reports of depression are on the rise, overall, the expected rate of depression in the general population during a lifetime was only nine percent in the most vulnerable young adult-age group. At any one time, only about two percent of people suffer the most significant forms of depression—major depression or manic-depressive disorder.

"Ergo, the set point for mood seems slightly positive, and for good reason: Positive emotions are conducive to sociability, optimistic goal striving, even healthy immune systems. Positive emotions also outline an emotional background against which negative emotions in response to threats gain signal value. When something goes awry, the stone in the emotional shoe alerts the organism to act and to alleviate the negative mood."

Do you have characteristics reflecting "happiness" and tendencies to be loving, forgiving, and trusting? Would people in your life agree with you? Or are you or someone you live with always negative and in no way would ever be content? Next time, the discussion will be about "Who is happy?"

*Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg. Comments and questions are encouraged and are to be directed to the Floyd County Times.*

# KET tribute to Lawrence Welk

The spiritual legacy of Lawrence Welk lives on, and his tradition of reverence for God and country continues in "Lawrence Welk's Songs of Faith," airing Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m. on KET.

Six stars of the Welk musical family—Norma Zimmer, Ralna English, Guy Hovis, Tom Netherton, Mary Lou Metzger and Bob Ralston—celebrate America's favorite hymns and songs of inspiration with new performances and classic clips from "The Lawrence Welk Show" of yesteryear.

In new performances, Norma Zimmer lends her voice to "The Lord's Prayer" and Ralna English delivers an unforgettable rendition of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Guy Hovis plays the guitar and sings "One Day at a Time" and

Guy and Ralna reunite for the first time in years to sing their memorable "Church in the Wildwood."

Mary Lou Metzger sings "Count Your Blessings," and Bob Ralston plays a magnificent organ solo in "Suddenly There's a Valley."

"The finale of the show is "Amazing Grace," beautifully sung by Tom Netherton, accompanied by Ralston and the rest of the Welk musical family.

Cast members share personal memories and stories as they introduce their own songs and hymns, as well as a selection of gospel and spiritual songs presented over the years on "The Lawrence Welk Show." Also featured is a loving tribute to the late Jimmy Roberts. "Lawrence Welk's Songs of Faith" is a production of OETA/Oklahoma.

# PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



# Reading is for real

As you have noticed, some staff members at the Times are sharing reading memories/philosophies today.

Obviously, it's in our self interest to promote reading. If we don't promote the skill of reading and a love of reading, this newspaper and all others will cease to exist.

Actually, the idea of Times' staffers writing about reading came from Clara Johnson of McDowell Family Resource Center.

She wrote, via e-mail: "Wouldn't it be great if some of your editors wrote about their favorite books? They could choose to write about a beloved children's book they remember their mother or father reading aloud.

"They could write about the first book that inspired them to write or the importance of reading as a family activity. They could write about families sharing the newspaper on Sunday morning.

"Think of the impact that just a 200-word editorial could provide."

A special thank you to Clara for the suggestion. The idea sparked discussions throughout the building Tuesday afternoon. As busy as we were, we took a few minutes to reminisce, and the smiles brightened the room.

Most of our staff are lifelong readers (and we've taken to shaming those who aren't). Even more uplifting, those with young children, almost to a person, read to their children.

Amid the awful news of a child killing another child in Michigan earlier in the week, hearing warm stories of childhood reading sustained us.

Oh, if the little boy only had someone to hold him and read to him about the Poky Little Puppy or Green Eggs and Ham, maybe his classmate would still be alive.

I've seen statistics about the high percentage of prisoners who cannot read or who read poorly. That's not to say that well-read and well-educated persons do not commit crimes, but the odds are greater that non-readers will end up in trouble or at least ill-equipped to support themselves.

As a society, we need to do more to protect and to inspire our children. We need to demand better schools. We need to make sure that those responsible for children are, indeed, responsible and, if they are not, that we or the social system assume responsibility.

And, we need to stop the insidious campaign of organizations that put the right to bear arms above the responsibility to protect children and to use those arms correctly and responsibly.

Unfortunately, reading won't necessarily save us from ourselves, but it can help us to learn to think, to act responsibly and to improve our prospects and our lives.

Greetings to Times' subscriber Jimmy D. Gray of Allen. Thanks for recently renewing your subscription and for reading the Floyd County Times.

# Town-World

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tion knows, plain water isn't good for the hair, and over a period of several hundred thousand years, says the scientist, the poor ape lost his hair—a feat I personally accomplished without benefit of salt water in 30 years. Moseying offshore and buoyed along by the water for an eon or so, the animal finally learned to stand upright.

So he up and leaves the sea, returns to land and begins chasing fortune, and women.

# KET features Irish tenors, Audra McDonald

KET and KET2 present a heart-warming evening of song with The Irish Tenors and Audra McDonald, Tuesday, March 7.

"The Irish Tenors: Live from Belfast," airing at 8 p.m., offers a nostalgic, romantic view of Ireland's great musical history and features a new member of the group, Finbar Wright, who joins Ronan Tynan and Anthony Kearns.

This evening of music comes to an emotional close as original member, John McDermott, makes an impromptu appearance, singing "The Last Rose of Summer," a poignant tribute to his recently deceased mother.

Immediately following at 10 p.m., "Audra McDonald in

Concert" features the three-time Tony Award-winning songstress performing from London's Donmar Warehouse Theatre, Covent Garden. During the one-hour, cabaret-style performance, McDonald interprets some of her favorite compositions.

"The Irish Tenors: Live from Belfast" is produced by TV Matters and Radius Television Productions. "Audra McDonald in Concert" is produced by HD Thames Productions.

Both programs are closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

# WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Couple wed in Ohio

Kelly Lynn Reed and Thomas Nicholas Cornett were recently married at the Beaver Creek Country Club in Beaver Creek, Ohio. A reception followed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Reed of Springfield, Ohio. She is a graduate of Ohio State University and is employed by Nike in its Great Lakes Region. The groom is the son of H. Thomas Cornett and Dr. Patricia L. Cornett of Birmingham, Michigan. He is the grandson of the late Creasie Hale and nephew of Maggie Wright of Lexington. He is a graduate of the College of Law at the University of Michigan and studied at the London School of Economics. He is employed as a senior manager in the Detroit practice of Price, Waterhouse, Coopers. The newlyweds honeymooned in Aruba and are making their home in Berkley, Michigan.

# Heart clinic for youth

The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs will have the annual heart clinic for children and young adults, ages 0-21, March 28 and 29, in the Salyersville office at 741 Parkway Dr., across the street from the Magoffin County Health Department.

Pediatric cardiologists from the University of Kentucky Medical Center will be doing the exams.

The Commission for Children provides diagnosis and treatment for children and young adults who

have a financial need and certain disabling conditions whether they are congenital or acquired.

The Commission for Children also has orthopedic and otology clinics available locally.

Fees are based on a sliding fee scale according to family size and income. Medicaid, K-chip, and most other insurances are accepted.

For information, call Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 349-7411 or toll free 1-800-594-7058.

# Organizations

## Homemakers plan busy spring

Members of the Floyd County Extension Homemakers have a range of activities planned for the spring season.

The first activity is being held in conjunction with the Pike County and Mingo-Pike quilt guilds. Quilters Day Out opens Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m., at the Pike County Extension Service Office at 514 Trivette Dr. in Pikeville.

Advanced, intermediate and beginner quilters from the Big Sandy area will convene to learn about folded flowers, pieced snowball quilts and chenille work. Plus, they will bring their own work to show and share.

Lunch will be provided by the Pike County hosts. To register, contact the Pike County Extension Office at 1-800-233-1390 or 606/433-2534.

The Northeast Area Homemakers Leadership

Conference is set for Thursday, March 30, at the convention center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Theme of the conference is "A Celebration of Leadership." Speakers include Dr. Sam Quick, who will speak on "Effective Listening and Speaking," and Dr. Bonnie Tanner, who will talk about Homemakers activities. Both are with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

April 1 will be Super Saturday for the local group. Creative workshops are planned from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the extension office at 921 S. Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg.

Three workshops are set for the morning and three for the afternoon, and participants may choose one in each time period.

Morning sessions will focus on quilting (folded star ornament), woodcraft (garden frog) and spring wreaths. In the afternoon, the choic-

es are ribbon embroidery, painted ceramics and decorative topiary.

The fee for each workshop is \$10, and the deadline for registration is March 17.

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association State Homemakers Convention is April 24-26 in Lexington.

The annual meeting and cultural arts competition for Floyd County Homemakers will be Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m., at the extension office.

Guest speaker will be Kathy Hockersmith, president of the KEHA. A potluck dinner is planned. Club presidents are to submit the names of members who plan to attend by May 1.

For information about membership in Floyd County Homemakers clubs, contact Theresa Scott, county extension agent for family and consumer sciences, 606/886-2668.

# Tips from fashion experts

(NAPSA)—The new millennium is off to a bold fashion start. Vivid colors like fuschia, orange, royal blue, and brilliant graphic prints are "in." Fashion experts also point to a spring filled with "must haves" like "flood pants," a longer, fuller version of the capri, and blouses with sleek, modern lines.

What's new: ethnic influences like beading, appliques and embroidery.

Look for the 3/4 sleeve stretch shirts and bohemian "peasant" blouses with drawstring necklines.

Dresses are fresh and feminine for spring in light floral prints, and in dramatic styles with handkerchief hems and floor-length georgette crepes.

"Spring fashion is a wonderful time to indulge in new trends and fashion-forward looks," explained T.J. Maxx Fashion Consultant Laura Cervone.

This season, you can find some of the best fashion trends for under

# Fashion Forecast

\$30. Look for bandeau dresses, wide-leg flood pants, stretch shirts with ruffles and embroidered straw pocketbooks.

"Remember to choose pieces that integrate easily into your existing wardrobe," she adds. "The key is to make sure you find the best options...for less!"

T.J. Maxx, a nationwide chain, is considered a good source for up-to-the-minute fashion trends at significant savings. Designer and brand name merchandise is up to 60 percent less than department and specialty store prices, every day.

For more information, call 1-800-2TJMAXX or visit the Web site [www.tjmaxx.com](http://www.tjmaxx.com).



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## NEW ARRIVALS



**Meghan Reece Bryant**

Randy Bryant and Jill Dotson-Bryant of Martin, announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Reece Bryant, on December 31, 1999, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Betty Bryant of Hi Hat, and Dencil and Sandra Dotson of Broad Bottom. She is the great-granddaughter of Reece Bryant of Hi Hat.



**Joseph Alexander Scott**

Joseph Alexander Scott was born at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center on October 29, 1999, at 2:54 p.m. The son of Howard and Sheri Scott of Glen Burnie, Maryland, he weighed two pounds, two ounces, and was 13-3/4 inches long. He came home on February 8, 2000. His grandparents are Dennie and Lois Williamson of Jonacy, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Charles and Roma Scott of Phyllis. His great-grandparents are Harold and Kathleen Hall of Jonacy and Effie Williamson of Phyllis.

## BIRTHDAYS



**Turns one**

Skylar McKenzie Johnson celebrated her first birthday on February 16, 2000, with family members and friends at a Winnie The Pooh party. She is the daughter of Selena Case and Darren Johnson of Weeksbury, and the granddaughter of Milford Case of Prestonsburg, Charlene Allen of Niota, Tennessee, and Sandra and Jo Johnson of Melvin.

## Pageant entries accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Miss Kentucky Teen USASM pageant to be held June 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Center for Rural Development, Somerset.

Women 15-19 years of age may apply.

Contact Betty Clark, 408 W. 13th Street, Benton, Ky. 42025; phone 270/527-1912.

The winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to represent Kentucky at the 2000 Miss Teen USA™ on CBS television in August.

# Reader should see doctor about anxiety, not medicate with alcohol

Question: Is there any type of medicine that I can take that will make me feel relaxed and not shy, kind of like what a little bit of alcohol can do?

Answer: Infants go through a normal phase of development when they are afraid of others. They cling to mom when there are strangers present, but they soon learn that most situations are not dangerous and can be managed more effectively without such anxiety.

As adults, all of us experience some situations causing stress during interactions with others. This is a totally natural and desirable response. When that wide-eyed aggressive looking individual comes toward you, you want to be ready to flee or fight—if there are no other options. This type of situation produces what we doctors call the "fight-or-flight" reaction that involves an increased heart rate, increased breathing, dilated pupils, sweaty palms and nervousness.

Your question suggests to me that you are experiencing emotional stress in social settings even though your judgment tells you that you should not be. We doctors call this a "social phobia," and these occur in various degrees of severity.

A surprisingly large number of individuals experience a social phobia about a specific activity. Speaking in public or performing on stage are common examples. Despite a mild phobia, most people manage to perform their assigned task, although they may fail to come off looking and sounding as smooth as a politician does. (That may not be a bad thing, depending upon your view of politicians!)

An individual with a more intense phobia may feel overwhelmed by the mere possibility of someday having to speak in public. This person may begin to tremble and experience sweaty palms at the very moment that the prospect of giving a talk crosses his or her



## Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine



mind.

You probably have a mild social phobia since a "little bit" of alcohol is a sufficiently strong sedative to reduce your anxiety level. Many people use alcohol for this purpose. That is why it is often served at parties! There are some reasons why it isn't a perfect drug for dealing with your social phobia, however.

The amount of alcohol necessary to reduce anxiety is also enough to cause impairment in judgment. Since alcohol is readily

available, and often in very pleasingly flavored drinks, it is easy to consume enough to impair judgment to the point that you do some truly dumb things. Driving drunk or "hitting on" the boss' spouse (regardless of your gender) are just two examples.

There are several prescription medicines that are effective at reducing social phobias, although none of them cure the underlying condition. Each of them has some potential for causing undesirable

effects, just like alcohol does, but the risk-to-benefit ratio is much better for the prescription products. Even some non-prescription herbal preparations can be helpful.

In addition, counseling to learn to deal with the stressful situation in a more effective way is also generally beneficial.

I suggest that you talk to your family doctor, a psychologist or a psychiatrist about your social phobia. This will help you clarify the nature of the problem and make sure that it is not just the most noticeable symptom of a more significant disorder. He or she can also help you learn to effectively interact in social situations without the risks of impaired judgment.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at [www.fradio.org/fm](http://www.fradio.org/fm).

## A night of Antiques Roadshow on KET goes behind the scenes, highlights Louisville visit

Viewers who haven't been able to attend a live "Antiques Roadshow" event are guaranteed a front row seat when the program unveils the "Antiques Roadshow Special Edition," a 90-minute presentation airing on KET, Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m.

The program offers an unprecedented behind-the-scenes tour of the appraisal and production process.

"Antiques Roadshow Special Edition" includes interviews with series appraisers who relate their experiences as part of the rapidly growing phenomenon of antiques collecting.

The program also contains never-before-seen footage and a look back at memorable "trash or treasure" moments from the series'

first three seasons.

And the kids are back, too. Many collectors start young, so this special features the best of children's appraisals, both from the series and from the "Roadshow Jr." special.

Following the special, "Antiques Roadshow in Louisville," airing at 10 p.m., provides highlights from the two episodes taped in Louisville in 1998.

"Antiques Roadshow Special Edition" and "Antiques Roadshow in Louisville," produced by WGBH/Boston, is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

## Carpet need a good cleaning? Make sure to call a professional

(NAPSA)—You just bought new carpet for your home, so how do you maintain its fresh, new look long after the installers leave?

To keep your carpet clean, it's necessary to vacuum regularly with a strong, well-functioning vacuum cleaner. Unfortunately, due to traffic, children, pets and normal wear, carpet fibers inevitably become soiled, and a dull appearance results. And no matter how much you vacuum, eventually you will need to call a professional carpet cleaner.

Regular professional cleaning by a certified technician is as important to your carpet as having a trained mechanic perform routine tune-ups on your car. While your carpet may appear clean on the surface, periodic cleaning by a certified technician can remove what you can't see and help your carpet retain its fresh appearance.

Trained, certified professionals can help restore your carpet's appearance and offer simple suggestions to maintain a clean and healthy environment. These tips often include:

- Programmed carpet cleaning every 12 to 18 months so soils are removed before they build up or become embedded.

- Entry mats to trap soils outside the home.

- High efficiency vacuum filter bags that trap small soil particles and keep them out of the breathing zone.

- High-efficiency electrostatic filters in heating and cooling systems to remove up to 99 percent of allergy-aggravating pollutants.

To help maintain your carpet's appearance and ensure complete



satisfaction with the services performed, the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) recommends hiring IICRC certified professional carpet cleaners or firms.

In addition, the IICRC recommends you receive a written contract or estimate confirming the total price and any statements or guarantees the cleaning company offers prior to any services being performed.

Visit the IICRC Web site at [www.iicrc.org](http://www.iicrc.org) or call the IICRC Referral Line at 800-835-4624 to locate an IICRC-certified firm or technician near you. Upon request, these firms or technicians should be able to provide a list of satisfied clients or businesses that use their services.

To learn more about the IICRC or how to care for your carpet, you can write to the Institute at 2715 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98661.

## Poems sought in contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, open to everyone. Some \$25,000 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year.

To enter, send one original poem on any subject, using any style to: FREE POETRY CONTEST, 1257

Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520. Or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

Be sure your poem is 21 lines or less and your name and address appear on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is April 10. All entrants will be professionally affirmed.

# ATLA Consumer News

## Laws that haunt consumers

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

When golfer Payne Stewart and his five traveling companions died when their Learjet crashed last autumn, the tragedy re-ignited the debate about the wisdom of statutes of repose.

Statute of repose laws eliminate the right of a person to hold a company liable for a defective product if the product was manufactured before a certain date.

Just 24 days before the Stewart crash, a law went into effect in Florida creating a statute of repose that exempts commercial planes that are more than 20 years old from product liability claims. Stewart's Learjet was 23 years old and had been leased from a commercial company, thereby designating the aircraft as a commercial plane.

Under the new law, if Stewart's crash was found to be the fault of a product defect, his family (and his traveling companions' families) couldn't seek justice from those responsible for their deaths.

The Stewart crash tragically showed us how statutes of repose protect manufacturers, but not consumers. In addition, the crash reminded us that Florida families are not the only ones who face limits on their ability seek justice in court.

A federal law, the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994, is designed to protect certain plane manufacturers from legal accountability on a national level. Planes more than 18 years old that seat fewer than 20 passengers—like Learjet—and are not, at the time of the accident, engaged in scheduled passenger carrying operations, are shielded from suit.

The Act not only protects manufacturers of general aviation aircraft older than 18 years, but also shields the makers of aircraft component parts, including replacement parts, that are more than 18 years old. In the case of the Stewart crash, this federal law—in addition to the Florida law—may leave six grieving families with little remedy, even

if it turns out that the manufacturer's negligence was the cause of the tragic crash.

Now Congress is considering similar protection for the makers of machine tools. The House narrowly passed a bill that would create protection for manufacturers and sellers of machine tools and other durable goods that are 18 years or older and used by workers. The House bill also limits the rights of injured workers who are covered by workers' compensation.

Under this bill, workplace injuries are not treated equally. If a plant manager, a company client, and two workers are standing near a 20-year-old piece of machinery when it explodes, and all four people are injured, only the manager and the client could recover against the maker of the defective machinery. The two workers and their families would not be able to hold the maker of that product accountable. Instead, the workers are allowed only to seek recovery through their workers' compensation programs which typically provide workers with partial compensation, and only for a limited time.

These inequities have been noted by organized labor groups. The United Auto Workers called Congress's plan "a thinly-veiled effort to discriminate against workers injured or killed on the job."

These organizations rightly point out that manufacturers should accept responsibility for their negligence when their products—no matter how old—harm consumers.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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## Taking care with nursing homes

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

It's one of the most emotionally wrenching actions a family may have to take: putting a loved one in the care of a nursing home.

Today about 1.6 million elderly and disabled Americans are cared for in nearly 17,000 U.S. nursing homes.

According to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which administers Medicare and oversees the state Medicaid programs, nursing homes care for about one in 20 Americans over the age of 65.

Almost half of all Americans turning 65 this year will be admitted into a nursing home at least once.

While we work hard to get the best care possible for our family members, it's often difficult to be sure our loved ones aren't falling prey to problems—such as psychological, emotional, and physical abuse or financial abuse—found in some of the nation's senior care facilities.

Tyrone Means, a Montgomery, Alabama, trial lawyer says most nursing home neglect cases are the result of high staff turnover. Means says the second greatest cause of neglect is under-staffing which results in too few health care aides, who are forced to work long shifts.

One good source of information for finding out about staffing and other issues at your local nursing home is what's called a long-term care ombudsman. The ombudsman visits nursing homes regularly, investigates complaints, advocates for residents, and mediates disputes. There are more than 500 local ombudsman programs across the country.

Numbers for these offices are available at the HCFA web site ([www.hcfa.gov](http://www.hcfa.gov)), within the agency's "Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home." While the ombudsman is not allowed to give recommendations for nursing homes, he or she can provide information about specific facilities.

Some of the questions you should ask include:

- What are the results of the latest ombudsman survey of the facility?

- How many outstanding complaints are there?
- How many complaints were lodged in the last year?

- What was the nature of the complaint(s)?
- What were the results of recent investigations?

Asking these questions does not guarantee a problem-free nursing home experience, but it will increase your chances of finding a facility that is responsible and well-equipped to handle your family member's needs.

HCFA is well aware problem nursing homes exist. At the end of 1999, HCFA Administrator Nancy-Ann DeParle said that nursing homes that fail to protect residents from harm will face immediate penalties.

In addition to instructing states to impose sanctions for a wider range of situations, HCFA has enhanced its consumer Internet resource called Nursing Home Compare, which can be found at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Users can search facilities by state, county, or ZIP code.

The information allows you to compare the prevalence of health problems, such as bedsores and weight loss, among various nursing homes.

The difficult task of finding a quality nursing home facility is made much easier for today's decision makers because of the wide range of resources now available. For a printed copy of HCFA's Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home call the Medicare Choices Helpline at 1-800-633-4227.

Other organizations to call include the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) at (800) 424-3410 and the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform which can be reached at 202/332-2275 or via the Web at [www.nccnhr.org](http://www.nccnhr.org).

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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## Read

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coffee greeted everyone at the door, and, although I would not drink coffee until I was grown, the young child loved that scent and found comfort in it.

I could have lived on the North Bay tuna my mother bought at that store. One of my cousins made fun of me for eating the tuna straight out of the can, only later to have three children of her own who would do the same. I still love tuna most any way you fix it, including straight out of the can.

The third treasure at the old Kroger store was the rack of Little Golden Books, the squarish, thin, illustrated children's books with sparkling gold spines.

Every weekend, rain-shine, cold-warm, when my mother walked to the store from Greentown, she bought me a book, either a Little Golden Book or some other slim volume.

I think the books were only 25 cents back then. That quarter probably would have bought a bag of pinto beans or a pound of meal, but she bought me a book.

My favorite Little Golden Book was "The Poky Little Puppy." Even today, I love the sound of "roley-poley, pell-mell, tumble-bumble."

I have in my living room, re-upholstered, the padded rocking chair where I sat on my mother's or grandmother's lap and listened to them read the books to me, over and over, until I had made all the words my own.

I kept the books long after I'd moved beyond Little Golden Books, which came to be stored in boxes under the high, iron bed.

When I was about 10 or so, my grandmother, who would give away anything if someone asked, gave the books to a neighbor who had two rambunctious pre-schoolers.

A few days later, over supper, my grandmother reported that one of the boys had eaten a couple of the books — with no long-term damage to his digestive system, as far as we knew.

I was furious with the boy, with his mother and with my grandmother. I could not comprehend the desecration of the printed word.

My grandmother, who had raised eight of her own children and a dozen of other people's, laughed and, essentially, advised me to cool it. This was not the worst thing that could happen. She was a witness.

Much, much later, when I lived in Pennsylvania, I had a friend who liked to repeat a phrase his father would use when the son said or did something stupid that he should have learned better: "What did you

do with the books? Eat 'em?"

My friend could always boost my mood with that story, as I recalled images of the little boy eating my prized possessions, of the Kroger store, and of the value of books, however digested.

—Pam Shingler, Editorial

### The Greatest Gift



The greatest gift I believe any parent can give a child is a love for reading. I know this because I received

such a gift from my parents at an early age.

I'm not one of those people who can remember much about my childhood. Those early years are more or less a blur, with just a few vivid memories.

One such memory is of my mother sitting on the edge of my bed every night, reading me a bedtime story. Now, maybe it was because it gave me a few more minutes to stay up, but I can recall enjoying those times.

And they paid off. After what must have been several hundred such bedtime stories, one night I asked my mother to let me read the story. And, I think to her surprise, I did.

I hadn't started school yet and I don't think I really had much instruction in reading. But "Sesame Street" had given me a good foundation in the ABCs and all the sounds they make, and those evenings I spent listening to my mother read gave me a chance to follow along with the words until I was able to read on my own.

Those bedtime stories paid off in other ways, as well, giving me a love for reading which has lasted my entire life. It started with the same children's books my mother read me, then to comic books, on to Stephen King horror novels, and ultimately to a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction.

To this day, I still try to read at least a few pages of a book before going to bed for the night.

More than that, though, I've tried to pass that same love for reading on to my own children. Now, sometimes, my oldest son reads me a story.

—Ralph B. Davis, Editorial

## Are you encouraging your kids to read?

(NUI) - In this age of television and the computer, Americans — especially children — are reading less than ever before.

Concerned about this trend, the state of California launched a program last year to involve everyone in the critical task of ensuring that children read every day. The campaign, "READ California," could serve as a model for the rest of the country.

Surveys of parents point to a glaring contradiction about reading. A Barnes & Noble survey found that 75 percent of Americans believe reading is extremely important and 23 percent believe it is very important to read to children, yet 48 percent rarely or never do.

Other studies show the number of reading materials in the home has declined over the last 20 years. In addition, children who grow up in nonreading households are likely to be nonreaders.

"Parents involved in their children's reading find more favorable family interaction leading to extended benefits for the child. By

reading just a few pages a day, a child will improve comprehension, spelling and vocabulary skills," said Secretary for Education Gary K. Hart.

All the studies show there is no substitute for parents' reading with their children. Toward that end, "READ California" offers these tips:

- Start early. When you read out loud to young children, they learn the words and sounds they will need to read themselves.

- Set an example. Children copy what they see. Reading a book or newspaper will give them the idea reading is important.

- Always have books. Go to the library or bookstore with your children and help them choose their own books.

- Make a time and a place for reading. Many parents find that bedtime is ideal. Your child calms down and drifts off to sleep more readily, too.

- Read together. That makes kids feel special, and young children can follow the words as you read.

- Make it fun. For instance, ask the kids to create different voices for characters in the stories you read to them.

- Remember how important it is. Studies show that kids who read just 15 minutes a day see an average of more than a million words a year. Reading with your children every day is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed in school and in life, says "READ California."

- Help your child become an active reader. As you read together, share ideas and ask questions: What do you think will happen next? Share what you think about the story. Talking with your children will help them build the listening and speaking skills they need to become good readers.

Read today and see where it takes you. For more information, visit [www.readcalifornia.org](http://www.readcalifornia.org).

# KOUNTY KETTLE

## CARAMELIZED SWEET ONION SWISS CORNBREAD

1 large onion, chopped  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 1/3 cups milk or 1 3/4 cups buttermilk  
2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Corn Meal Mix  
4 oz. (1 cup) shredded Swiss cheese  
Heat oven to 450°F. Grease a 9-inch cast iron skillet and place in oven to heat. In medium skillet, cook onions in butter over low heat, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 15 minutes. In medium bowl, combine eggs and milk. Add corn meal mix; stir until smooth. Stir in cheese and cooked onions. Pour into greased skillet. Bake at 450°F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. 6 to 8 servings.

Note: Caramelize onions by cooking them until they are deep golden brown in color and have a sweet, nutty flavor. You need to cook the sugar that is present in the onion until it turns brown or "caramelizes." The object isn't to burn them, but to brown them slowly. To do this, cook the onions in butter or oil over low heat for at least 15 minutes. The sweet onions will add new depth and style to many recipes—even traditional southern cornbread. Our recipe for Caramelized Sweet Onion Swiss Cornbread made with self-rising corn meal mix is moist and tender and has a delicious nutty, sweet flavor, thanks to the slow-cooked onions.

(From the Martha White Kitchen)

## APPLE UPSIDE DOWN SKILLET COFFEE CAKE

1/4 cup butter or margarine  
3 cups peeled Golden Delicious apple slices  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 1/2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Heat oven to 375° F. Melt 1/4 cup butter in 10-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat. Stir in apples and cook until just tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in brown sugar; set aside. In medium bowl, combine flour and sugar. Stir in 1/2 cup melted butter, egg, milk and vanilla; blend until smooth. Pour batter over apples in skillet; spreading batter evenly to the edges. Bake at 375° F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool 2 to 3 minutes; turn out onto platter. Serve warm or at room temperature. 8 servings.

The best apples for baking are the ones that hold their shape and don't turn to mush when heated. An easy rule of thumb is to think green. Two of the most widely available cooking apples have green skin—Golden Delicious and Granny Smith. Ideal for all kinds of baking, Granny Smith apples have a crisp tart flavor and Golden Delicious have a more floral taste. Rome Beauty, available in the fall, is a red variety that is also good for baking. The Apple Upside Down Skillet Coffee Cake is delicious made with any of the three varieties. The easy cake batter made with self-rising flour is simply poured over apples cooked in an iron skillet and baked.

(From the Martha White Kitchen)

## CHILI CON CORNBREAD

2 (15-oz.) cans chili  
1 egg  
1/2 cup milk  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 cup Martha White® Self-Rising Corn Meal Mix  
4 oz. (1 cup) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, divided  
Heat oven to 400°F. Grease an 8-inch square baking dish. Pour chili into greased baking dish. In medium bowl, beat egg. Stir in milk, oil, corn meal mix and 1/2 cup cheese; bend thoroughly. Pour batter evenly over chili. Sprinkle remaining cheese over batter. Bake at 400°F. for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes before serving. 4 to 6 servings.

Tip: Four cups homemade chili may be substituted for canned chili. If using leftover chili, heat through before pouring into baking dish.

Note: Chili con Cornbread is a must-have quick supper recipe. All you need in the cupboard is a couple of cans of chili and some self-rising corn meal mix. Serve the hearty casserole with an assortment of your favorite Tex-Mex toppings that you probably have in the refrigerator like chopped onion, tomatoes, shredded lettuce, salsa, black olive slices, sour cream or chopped avocado. Place small bowls of the toppings right on the dinner table so everyone can create their own masterpiece.

(From the Martha White Kitchen)

## YAMS COINTREAU

4 large yams or sweet potatoes, unpeeled (about 3 1/2 pounds)  
1/4 cup Cointreau or other orange-flavored liqueur  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Garnish: chopped fresh parsley  
Cook yams in boiling water to cover 30 minutes or until tender. Drain and let cool to touch; peel. Mash yams; stir in Cointreau and next ingredients. Garnish, if desired. Yield: 6

to 8 servings.

## FRESH VEGETABLE KABOBS

1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted  
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or parsley  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper  
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
Dash of salt  
2 small ears of corn  
1 small sweet red pepper  
1 small sweet yellow pepper  
Combine the first 6 ingredients; set aside.  
Cut corn into 1-inch-thick rounds, and peppers into 1 1/2-inch squares; alternate on skewers. Brush with butter mixture. Grill over medium coals, basting occasionally, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve with remaining butter mixture. Yield: 2 servings.

## GRILLED MARINATED BEEF ROAST

1 (4-pound) boneless English-cut roast  
Versatile Vinaigrette  
1 cup soy sauce  
Place roast in a large shallow dish or heavy-duty, zip-top plastic bag; set roast aside.  
Combine Versatile Vinaigrette and soy sauce. Reserve 1/2 cup mixture; cover and refrigerate. Pour remaining mixture over roast. Cover or seal; marinate in refrigerator 8 hours, turning occasionally.

Drain roast, discarding marinade. Cook, covered with grill lid, over medium-hot coals (350° to 400°) 20 minutes on each side or to desired degree of doneness, basting occasionally with 1/2 cup reserved mixture. To serve, slice roast into thin slices. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

Versatile Vinaigrette:  
2/3 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup white wine vinegar  
1/4 cup water  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 tablespoon freshly ground pepper  
1 clove garlic, pressed  
Combine all ingredients in a jar. Cover tightly, and shake vigorously. Yield: 1 cup.

## DARING DAIQUIRI PIE

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese  
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk  
1 (6-ounce) can frozen limeade concentrate, thawed and undiluted  
1/4 cup light rum  
Green food coloring  
1 3/4 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed and divided  
1 baked 9-inch pastry shell  
Beat softened cream cheese in a mixing bowl at high speed with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add sweetened condensed milk and limeade concentrate, and beat at medium speed until smooth.  
Stir in rum and desired amount of food coloring. Fold in 1 cup whipped topping. Spoon into pastry shell, and chill. Spread remaining 3/4 cup whipped topping over pie, and serve. Yield: one 9-inch pie.

"The following recipes are reprinted from the "What's Cooking for the Holidays," cookbook by Irene Hayes.

## CHEESE PUFFS

Blend thoroughly:  
1/2 lb. grated sharp cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup margarine, softened  
Work in:  
1/8 tsp. Cayenne pepper  
1 cup flour  
Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours. Roll mixture with hands into 1-inch balls.  
Place on cookie sheet.  
Bake in 450° oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned.  
Makes 60 puffs.  
Note: By making a hole in the center of balls with finger, a stuffed olive may be placed in the center before placing in the oven.  
Bake as usual.

## BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

Melt in casserole dish: 1/4 stick margarine  
Add:  
1 (10-oz.) pkg. chopped frozen broccoli, thawed  
1 (10 3/4-oz.) can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1 cup minute rice  
1 cup hot water  
Blend thoroughly.  
Spoon over top: 2 (8-oz.) jars cheese spread  
Bake covered in 350° oven 1 hour. Remove cover last 15 minutes.

## HERBED CARROTS

Combine in heavy saucepan:  
2 tbsps. butter  
2 tbsps. water  
1 tsp. sugar  
Add: 4 cups quartered carrots  
Cover tightly and cook over very low heat 15 to 20 minutes.  
Add salt and white pepper to taste. Do not drain.  
Sprinkle with:

1 tsp. snipped fresh tarragon  
1 tsp. snipped fresh parsley

## GOURMET GREEN BEANS

Cook according to pkg. directions:  
2 (10-oz.) pkgs. frozen green beans  
Drain.  
Blend until creamy:  
2 (3-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese  
2/3 cup milk  
Cook on low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens.  
Add:  
3 tbsps. Parmesan cheese  
1 tsp. garlic salt  
1 tsp. salt  
Mix until well blended.  
Pour sauce over beans and toss lightly.  
Place in serving dish.  
Sprinkle with: 3 tbsps. Parmesan cheese  
Serves 8.

## CORN FRITTERS

Sift together:  
1 1/2 cups flour  
2 1/4 tps. baking powder  
3/4 tsp. salt  
Combine in medium sized bowl:  
2 beaten egg yolks (reserve whites)  
1 1/2 tbsps. salad oil  
3/4 cup milk  
Beat until smooth. Gradually add dry ingredients.  
Stir in: 1 (12-oz.) can corn  
Fold in gently: 2 stiffly beaten egg whites  
In a deep skillet, heat at least 2 inches salad oil or shortening hot (365°). Drop mixture by large spoonful into hot fat a few at a time. Deep fry until golden brown on both sides (about 5 minutes). Drain well on paper towels.

## LEMON-CRANBERRY SALAD

Combine:  
1 (3-oz.) pkg. lemon flavored gelatin  
1/2 cup cranberry juice  
1/8 tsp. salt  
Heat to boiling point: 1 1/2 cups cranberry juice  
Pour over softened gelatin and stir until dissolved.  
Chill until gelatin begins to thicken.  
Fold in:  
1 cup diced celery  
1 cup diced apples  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
Pour into lightly oiled mold. Chill until set.

## BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

Cream until light and fluffy:  
1 cup butter  
2 cups sugar  
Add and blend well:  
4 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Sift together:  
3 1/2 cups sifted flour  
2 tps. cinnamon  
1 tsp. allspice  
1/8 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. cloves  
Stir 1 tsp. soda into: 1 cup buttermilk  
Add to creamed mixture alternately with dry ingredients.  
Then add: 2 cups blackberry jam  
Pour into greased and floured tube pan or 2 large layer cake pans.  
Bake in 300° oven 1 1/2 hours or until done when tested in tube pan. Bake 40 to 50 minutes in layer cake pans.  
Frost with caramel icing.

## RASPBERRY CAKE

Cream together:  
1 cup salad oil  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
Add:  
1 cup broken pecans  
3 cups self-rising flour  
1 (21-oz.) raspberry pie filling  
1 tsp. soda  
1 cup buttermilk  
Mix well. Pour into 3 greased and floured cake pans.  
Bake in 350° oven until cake tests done with a toothpick.

Frost with Icing (below).  
Icing  
Cream:  
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese  
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)  
Add in small amounts: 1 (1-lb.) box confectioners sugar  
Beat well after each addition.  
Then add: 1 tsp. vanilla

## POPCORN BALLS

Combine in saucepan:  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. vinegar  
1 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup water  
2 tbsps. butter  
Cook to hard ball stage (250°).  
Pour hot syrup over: 5 qts. popped corn  
Mix carefully to coat each kernel. Shape into balls.  
Note: For a surprise, place a gumdrop or marshmallow in the center of each ball. For a more festive ball, color half the syrup red and half green.

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## MSU students are student teachers

Two Floyd County students are completing student teaching during the 2000 spring semester as part of Morehead State University's Teacher Education Program.

Lisa Slone of Lackey is teaching at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

Jimmy Shepherd of Prestonsburg is teaching at East Jessamine High School in Nicholasville.

The student teaching or professional semester is the capstone experience in MSU's Teacher Education Program. Participants work with a university supervisor and a master teacher within the public school.

This team approach ensures that student teachers are given the opportunity to demonstrate effective teaching practices within their area of certification, according to Shirley Blair, MSU's educational services director.



MathCounts

Members of the Allen Central Middle School team, which competed in the MathCounts competition, include David Joseph, Jordan Caldwell, Brittany Zimmerman, and Nick Jamerson. The team placed third.

## Looking for host families

American Intercultural Student Exchange Inc. (AISE) will receive foreign high school exchange students from three countries not previously represented by AISE for the 2000/2001 school year.

Mongolia, South Korea and Turkey have been added to the list of more than 20 other countries sending students to the U.S. through this program. The non-profit educational foundation is now interviewing families interested in hosting an exchange student for the upcoming school year or fall semester.

"This program offers American families a unique opportunity to learn more about the world without leaving home," said Kevin Donaker-Ring, director of admissions.

Students arrive in August to live with an American family and attend high school. They have their own spending money, medical insurance and desire to share their culture with Americans. Host families provide food and housing for the exchange students during their stay in the U.S.

Call AISE's toll free number at 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE web site at [www.aise.com](http://www.aise.com) to learn more about the benefits of hosting an exchange student in your home.

## ACMS places in district meet

On February 5, Allen Central Middle School competed in KAAC's District Academic Competition, placing second (by only three points) behind Herald Whitaker Middle School.

Morgan County Middle School also competed in the district meet.

The following ACMS students placed and advanced to regional competition at Johnson County Middle School on February 19.

- Future Problem Solving Team: Sarah Tackett, Brittany Napier, Ashley Gunnell, Amy Wallen.

- Quick Recall Team: Brett Watson, Sarah Tackett, Brittany Napier, Ronnie Thompson, Justin Frasure, Logan Slone, Kortney Osborne, Brock Kidd, Samantha Skeans, Evan Farmer

- Math: Logan Slone, fourth place; Sarah Tackett, fourth place

- Social Studies: Logan Slone, third; Justin Frasure, fourth

- English Composition: Ashley Gunnell, second; Amy Wallen, fourth

- General Knowledge: Brett Watson, first; Ashley Gunnell, third; Justin Frasure, fourth

- Science: Brett Watson, first; Evan Farmer, third; Ronnie Thompson, fourth.



Pam Slone was the spelling bee winner at Clark Elementary School. She is a student in Wilma Leslie's fifth grade class.

# Youth News

## A heady experience



Daphne McCoy and Coach Paul Prater stand in the forefront with other members of the academic team, from left, Trent Tackett, Nick Hall, Josh Allen, J.R. Conn, Brandon Newsome, Billy Newsome, Jeremy Tackett, and Marcus Allen. Not available for photo were Joseph Ratliff, Mollie McMillan and Tyler Harris.

## Betsy Layne students shine academically

Story and photo by Willie Elliott Staff Writer

While many Betsy Layne High School students are home watching yet another rerun of "The Andy Griffith Show," cruising around, or just hanging out, the 12 members of the academic team are spending two to three hours after school answering questions on math, science, and social studies.

And they seem to enjoy it.

The time spent by Coach Paul Prater and his team has paid off. They went 50-0 for the year in quick recall team competition and are headed to Louisville March 11-13 to participate at the state level.

You would expect the academic team to have the most academic students in the school, and such is the case at Betsy Layne High School.

The composite grade point average is 4.0 (using the weighted system) and the students back it up with solid ACT scores of 27, 27, 27, 26, 25, 23, and team captain J.

R. Conn scored very well.

For privacy matters, his exact score can't be divulged, but he did score above the magic 30. Conn plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and major in computer science. He already has four college courses under his belt: Visual Basic, American history, calculus and statistics.

Included on the team is Nick Hall, a Robinson scholar, meaning he has his college paid for when he is ready to go. It appears he will certainly be ready.

Each member of the team knows his/her strengths and knows the role each must play to become a successful team. During practice, there is good-natured banter among the members and they offer encouragement rather than criticism.

As the team members talk, it is evident they have a great deal of respect and admiration for Conn.

The team also extends the same sentiment toward Coach Prater, saying "he is good to us," "the best in the state." They say that Prater is underpaid for all he does for the

team.

The team does take time out for relaxation. They go bowling, shoot pool and just enjoy one another's friendship. But they never lose sight of their mission: to do well at academic meets.

The team is appreciative of the support that teachers have shown this year. One member exclaimed, "Teachers (other than coaches) came to the meets this year."

The team said parents have to spend a lot of time to accommodate students during practice and meets. With the results the team is getting, it is doubtful if the parents mind one iota.

So when the team heads to Louisville next week, it will be the first time a Floyd County quick recall team has gone to the state in more than a decade.

The questions that students have to answer within seconds during quick recall are not that easy. Here are four questions — with answers — from a previous meet.

1. This Secretary of State under

Abraham Lincoln appealed to a higher law concerning the issue of slavery in newly acquired western territories. Identify this man who was responsible for the purchase of Alaska. (William Seward

2. Express the rectangular coordinates (2, -2) as a polar coordinate.

2 radical 2, 315 degrees or 2 radical 2, 7 Pi over 4 radians

3. In 1954, Thornton Wilder rewrote "The Merchant of Yonkers" and changed its title to reflect the profession of a major character Dolly Levi. Give the title of this work which served as the basis for the Broadway musical "Hello Dolly." (The Matchmaker

4. The phrase "o'er the deep blue sea" is an example of the omission of one letter, usually to cut out a syllable for a poetic purpose. Derived from the Greek words for "together" and "cut," what seven-letter literary device is it? Syncope

## Tools for tomorrow winners shatter stereotype

(NAPS)—The winners of the 1999-2000 Tools for Tomorrow All-American Vocational Student Awards (AAVSA) are doing their part to dispel some misconceptions about vocational technical education.

"When people think about vocational technical education, their image is one of predominantly male students that are not doing well in high school and are not planning to go on to college," said Don Hoye, president and CEO of TruServ Corporation, the nation's largest hardware cooperative including nearly 10,000 Coast to Coast, ServiStar and True Value retailers. "Fortunately, our retailers recognize that this is not the case and dispel this myth through TFT."

The overall grade point average of this year's vocational student winners is a 3.35 on a 4.0 scale. According to the Department of Education, this is well above the national average of 2.06 for high school students across the country.

Also, nearly half of the more than 1,500 student winners are women. Of the female winners, 12 percent are enrolled in programs for such non-traditional careers as auto mechanics, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and toolmakers.

Since Tools for Tomorrow began in 1992, Coast to Coast, ServiStar and True Value retailers have honored nearly 16,000 students with more than \$1.85 million in scholarships and awards.

AAVSA recognizes high school students who achieve standards of

excellence in vocational and academic skills and who exhibit leadership in their communities.

"I am proud to announce that our 1999-2000 student winners shatter many of the negative stereotypes associated with vocational technical education," added Hoye.

AAVSA is only one part of Tools for Tomorrow. In addition to recognizing students, Coast to Coast, ServiStar and True Value retailers also provide discounts and donate materials to vocational students, offer internship opportunities, spearhead community service programs and sponsor vocational student organizations.

For more information about Tools for Tomorrow and the AAVSA, call (888) 9CALL-TFT or visit [www.toolsfortomorrow.com](http://www.toolsfortomorrow.com).



Tools for Tomorrow will award nearly \$200,000 to vocational technical students this year.

## Clark Elementary School attendance

2nd nine weeks  
Perfect attendance  
Mrs. Bingham—Elizabeth Gilstrap.

Kindergarten  
Miss. Key—Austin Holbrook, Chris Meade and Melissa Walker.  
Mrs. Barrows—Nicole Crace, Rachal Johnson and Jordan Tackett.

First Grade, Mrs. Stumbo—Oliva Bentley, Amanda Collins and Morris Gilstrap.

Ms. Collins—Brooke Bailey, Tiffany Blevins, Tayler Bragg, Kristen Thornsbury, Destiny Wright and Jeremy Yost.

Second Grade  
Mrs. Bragg—Jerry Hicks, Ashley Johnson, Jake Layne and Stacy Perry.

Ms. Bailey—Brittney Compton, Megan Justice, Dixie Shepherd and Courtney Shepherd.

Third Grade  
Mrs. Warrix—Jordan Baldrige, Kyle Hall, Mason Holbrook, Brandon Ratliff, Christie Shepherd, Aaron Ward, Jordan Watkins and Nick York.

Mrs. Dingus—Isaac Bentley, Kristen Bentley, Jonathan Dye, Summer Noakes, Nathan Ousley, Alex Stumbo and Ali Wright.

Fourth Grade  
Mrs. Hunsucker—Lashona Bradford, Brittany Hook and Teddy Ratliff.

Mrs. Madden—Zachary Bragg, Tiffany Perry, Steffon Wright, Charlie Rice, Kimberly Kilgore, Brittany Crum, Tara Adkins and

Timra Jacobs.

Fifth Grade  
Mrs. Leslie—Beth Allen, Stephen Allen, Jennifer Belcher, Allison Dye, Amber Mercer, and Adam Reffett.

Mrs. Osborne—Chris Baker, Charity Bradford, Stephanie Prater, Alex Shepherd and Brianna Slone.

Fourth Grade "A" Average  
Mrs. Hunsucker—Whitney Slone.

Mrs. Madden—Nathan Evans, Timra Jacobs, Kristen Little, Kimberly Kilgore and Tara Adkins.

Fourth Grade "B" Average  
Mrs. Hunsucker—Teddy Ratliff, Kelly Perry, Jesse Mullins, Brittany Hook, Amber Crace, Stephanie Conley, Lashona

Bradford, Brooke Russell and Julie Ford.

Mrs. Madden—Zachary Bragg, Adam Mercer, Ali Hackworth, Jennifer Marz, Seth Hackworth and Brittany Crum.

Fifth Grade "A" Average  
Ms. Leslie—Jennifer Belcher, Allison Dye, Pamela Slone and Adam Reffett.

Mrs. Osborne—Chris Baker, Erica Osborne, Stephanie Prater, Kayla Roberts, Del Shepherd, Brianna Slone and Tiffany Smith.

Fifth Grade "B" Average  
Ms. Leslie—Jessica Conley, Shawn Ousley and Amber Whitaker.

Mrs. Osborne—Chris Oliver, Brittany Ousley, Alex Shepherd and Jamie Shepherd.

# Youth News

## Centre College hosts open house

Danville — The admissions office of Centre College will host an open house for high school juniors twice this spring. The first open house is set for Saturday, March 11, and the second one will be Saturday, May 13.

As part of each open house, Centre will offer a program describing admission requirements, financial aid options and scholarships. Students and their parents also may talk with faculty members and take a campus tour.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Combs Student Center. Campus tours will be offered 10-11 a.m., followed by sessions on academic offerings, application procedures and financial aid.

Interested students may register for the open house or obtain additional information by calling the Centre admissions office at 800-423-6236 or 606/238-5350. Advance registration is encouraged, although not required.

Centre is a selective liberal arts college and recently was chosen to host the only vice presidential debate in the upcoming national elections. The candidates for vice president of the United States will meet at Centre on Thursday, October 5, for a debate in the college's Norton Center for the Arts.

The event is expected to attract close to 2,000 journalists from around the world.

Centre is ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the 50 best liberal arts colleges in the country. The college maintains study abroad programs in England, France and Latin America, and students may complete internships at locations throughout the U.S.

Among Centre's outstanding graduates are historical figures such as Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan and US Vice President John Breckinridge, as well as contemporary leaders such as corporate executive David Grissom of Louisville and playwright Mary Hall Surface of Washington, DC.

## Dollars & sense: Teaching children about money

(NAPSA)-Even at a young age, children are bombarded with messages about money. They observe their parents' spending habits and financial attitudes, and are influenced by their friends, advertisements and even the attitudes of society as a whole. With so many conflicting messages, it has become increasingly important for parents and teachers to begin teaching financial concepts when children are young, to help them understand at an early age the value of saving and maintaining a budget. Janeal Roberts, manager of program and staff development for Medallion School Partnerships, offers the following advice:

Children enjoy collecting things, so address saving in terms of collecting. Just as they might collect stickers or baseball cards, they can collect coins and dollar bills. Preschool children want to handle and count their collection, so provide your child with a bank that can be opened easily.

To stress the importance of saving, parents may want to give school-age children an allowance. For a child, an allowance is his or her first experience with money management. Parents should try not to be too nostalgic when considering the amount. Depending on their financial circumstances, a good rule of thumb is 50 cents to \$1 for each year of a child's age. In other words, a 5-year-old child could receive between \$2.50 and \$5.00 a week. The payment frequency may depend on the age of the child. Parents may want to give a weekly allowance to young children to allow for more spontaneous purchases, such as gum or small toys. For older children, parents may want to give a bi-weekly or monthly allowance to encourage the concepts of budgeting their

money and saving for long-term goals.

When it comes to spending money, consider discussing a spending plan with your child. Many financial experts recommend the "third-third-third" concept: one third of allowance can be spent immediately, one third goes to short-term savings, such as saving for a bicycle, and one third for long-term savings, such as saving for college, which is money that can't be touched. To encourage a spending plan, give the child bills in small denominations. Five single dollar bills are easier for children to budget than a \$5 bill.

Short-term savings can be kept in a bank. To visualize a savings goal, tape a picture of the object the child wants on the side of the bank. For long-term savings, consider opening a savings account in the child's name. This also will help your child learn how to fill out a deposit form, withdraw money and balance a bank register. Older children can learn about compounding interest and how it makes their money grow. Parents can match the amount that their child saves.

Financial experts advise that parents be open with their child about the family finances. Talking about the family budget, savings and investments provides a good example for your children. Also, when a financial milestone is reached, such as saving for a family trip, children will be aware of the steps taken to achieve that goal. Finally, discuss what money can't do. Children need to know that money is a tool for taking care of material needs, such as food, clothing and shelter, but that it cannot buy equally important needs such as love and friendship. In other words, net-worth does not equal self-worth.



Del Shepherd gets a shot from nurse Joy Moore during exam.



Nurse Moore checks the blood pressure of Brianna Stone.



Owen Wright participates in physical exam.

## Students prepare for sixth grade

Fifth graders at Clark Elementary School are getting ready for the move to sixth grade by getting their required health exams.

Del Shepherd, Owen Wright and Brianna Stone were among the first of the students to be examined by Joy Moore, nurse with the Floyd County Health Department.

Last year, 98 percent of Clark's fifth grade had exams by the end of the year, and were ready to begin

sixth grade in the fall. The goal this year is to have 100 percent completed by May.

Appointments are available at Clark's Resource Center by calling 886-0815.

Someone from the health department is at the school each Friday to provide a variety of services. Family Resource and Youth Service Centers are normally open on snow days, intercession and summer break.



Students at May Valley Head Start had the opportunity to learn about forest fire safety from one of the most recognized figures in forest fire prevention, Smokey the Bear. Jane Quillan of the Division of Forestry and Tony Grubb of the Floyd County Conservation District did the presentation with the help of Smokey. The classes of Kim Grubb and Jamie Stone were given coloring books, pencils and forest fire prevention badges. With the spring forest fire season underway, the children learned many valuable lessons.



## Attends 4-H conference

Kevin Maxwell of Banner attended the 2000 4-H Youth Issues Conference recently at the Kentucky Leadership Center in Jabez.

A 4-H Teen Council member, Maxwell was chosen to represent Floyd County because of his dedication to the 4-H program, according to Chuck Stamper, county extension agent for 4-H.

Maxwell is an alumnus of the Floyd County Leadership Challenge and has been instrumental in its design.

While attending the conference, Maxwell was involved in discussions on the issues affecting teens today and the steps that are needed to make all teens productive citizens. He is working now with the 4-H Teen Council as a team building facilitator.

All 4-H Youth Issues participants are asked to return to their counties and teach others the skills they have learned.

"I have worked with Kevin for the last six years, and he is a wonderful young man," said Stamper. "I'm glad he was chosen to attend the Issues Conference. He already has shown leadership in his community."

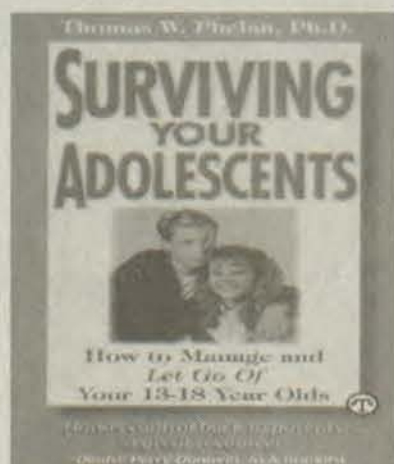
He is the son of Donna and Wayne Maxwell.

## A fresh perspective on your teenager

(NAPSA)-When you have teens living at home, it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. Adolescents do lots of things-accidentally as well as deliberately-that can drive their parents crazy! Mom and Dad can easily lose perspective. Being able to determine what is normal teenage behavior and what is problem behavior is an essential parenting skill.

Dr. Thomas W. Phelan, a clinical psychologist and "survivor" of two teens, has just produced a two-hour video to help parents discriminate real problems from minor aggravations. In *Surviving Your Adolescents*, Dr. Phelan first describes the big picture. Parents of teens, he says, have several goals: 1) to enjoy their adolescents while they are still living at home, 2) to protect their kids from harm (to the extent that parents are able), 3) to help guide the youngsters toward successful independence, and 4) to lay the groundwork for remaining friends for the rest of their lives.

An important part of accomplishing these objectives, according to Phelan, is for parents to understand when to get involved and



when to bite their tongues. "Your teens already have their MBAs!" he points out. "These are the Minor-But-Aggravating things your kids do that make you crazy with rage but aren't signs of serious psychological disturbance." In other words, just because some adolescent behavior drives you nuts doesn't mean your child is in deep trouble.

Perhaps the best example of an "MBA" is the teens' use of the telephone. Did you know your adolescents are supposed to be having long, drawn-out and totally ridicu-

lous conversations on the phone? They're learning how to connect with others and how to handle relationships. That's an important part of growing up. Would you rather they didn't have anyone to talk to?

Another MBA, according to Phelan, is their strange appearance. "Let them be a little weird for now," he advises, "they won't be doing that in ten years." For example, instead of saying "You're not going to school like that again, are you?" try this: "My, that's a creative outfit we have on this morning!"

And how about that messy room? You forgot the color of the carpet. The cat was last seen in there three weeks ago. It's an MBA! Did you know there are no scientific studies showing that teens with messy rooms grow up to be homeless people or have a higher divorce rate?

Other behaviors, however, are definitely not MBAs. Some problems cause intense suffering for teens-and sometimes, but not always, for their parents. Painful shyness, for example, causes incredible anguish in adolescents but is often overlooked because

these children don't cause trouble and they don't talk about the problem. The same can be true for depression and eating disorders.

Other non-MBAs, such as substance abuse and Attention Deficit Disorder, cause suffering for both kids and parents. Parents need to confront these difficulties directly. Professional evaluation and counseling are often necessary.

How should a parent manage painful shyness vs. a messy room? Or their child's talking "too much" on the phone vs. smoking pot before school? The *Surviving Your Adolescents* video provides concrete guidelines for these issues and many more. And the kids can watch it too!

Dr. Phelan's style of teaching is informative, humorous and effective. Nationally recognized as an expert on child discipline and Attention Deficit Disorder, Dr. Phelan has practiced for over 25 years and appears frequently on radio and TV. Visit your local bookstore for the *Surviving Your Adolescents* book, or call (800) 442-4453 for the video, book or audio.

## BLHS takes district Governor's Cup honors

Allen Central High School hosted the 2000 Governor's Cup High School District 57 Academic Competition on February 12. Coach Paul Prater's Betsy Layne High School team took first place over with host ACHS placing second.

Students and teams that placed in the challenging district competition were scheduled to advance to the region meet in Johnson County on February 26.

Categories and placements are:

- Mathematics: John Slone, ACHS, first; Josh Allen, BLHS, second; Marcus Allen, BLHS, third; J.R. Conn, BLHS, fourth.
- Science: John Slone, ACHS, first; Justine Newsome, ACHS, second; Jeremy Tackett, BLHS, third; J.R. Conn, BLHS, fourth.
- English Composition: Monica McKinney, South Floyd High School, first; Monica Hobson, SFHS, second; Carrie Martin, ACHS, third; Tyler Harris, BLHS, fourth.
- Social Studies: Brandon Newsome, BLHS, first; Nick Hall, BLHS, second; Trent Tackett, BLHS, third; John Layne, Piarist School, fourth.
- Language Arts: Billy Newsome, BLHS, first; Monica Hobson, SFHS, second; Clarissa Mulliken, Piarist, third; Greta Hicks, Prestonsburg High School, fourth.
- General Knowledge: John Slone, ACHS, first; John Layne, Piarist, second; Nick Hall, BLHS, third; Justine Newsome, ACHS, fourth.
- Future Problem Solving: BLHS, first; Piarist, second
- Quick Recall Team: BLHS, first; Piarist, second; SFHS, third; ACHS, fourth.

South Floyd High School was selected to receive the Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award, which is designed to recognize the team that most clearly exhibits the qualities of sportsmanship, ethics, fair play, spirit of friendly competition, and overall positive decorum, attitude and demeanor.

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## Career Counselor

The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, (EKCEP) Inc., is seeking to fill a position for a Career Counselor in this readership area. The counselor will facilitate a five-week classroom curriculum designed to assist people who wish to move from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency. The counselor also will be responsible for class recruiting, case management, maintaining files, administering various assessment tools, leading job exploration workshops, and conducting client follow-ups. The position requires occasional travel and frequent contact with the public.

Applicants must have excellent verbal and written communications skills, a professional attitude, and the ability to work with a team. Applicants will benefit from knowledge of local labor markets and labor-force needs, facilitation techniques, and experience in career counseling.

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university is required; however, related work experience may be substituted for education at a two-to-one ratio (two years of related work experience for each one year of formal education).

Qualified applicants may submit resumés no later than March 20, 2000, to:

Marsha Ison, Personnel Director  
Eastern Kentucky C.E.P., Inc.  
941 N. Main Street  
Hazard, KY 41701

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## Bookkeeper Analyst

The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), is seeking to fill a position for a Bookkeeper Analyst in its central office in Hazard, KY. The Bookkeeper Analyst is responsible for bookkeeping and operating computer accounting software, under direction of the Controller. Duties include maintaining financial records, reviewing source documents for accuracy, rendering required reports to management in a timely manner, and issuing participant checks.

Qualified applicants will understand accounting principles and be able to operate electronic data processing systems, adhere to written guidelines and procedures, and recognize accounting problems and recommend appropriate solutions.

The position requires an Associate Degree in accounting and/or computer operation from an accredited college or university, and two years of work experience in accounting using computer applications. (Two years of college-level coursework in these fields of study may be substituted for the degree). Related work experience may be substituted for the formal education at a two-to-one ratio (two years of related work experience for each one year of formal education required).

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### For Rent

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## Law Clerk

Floyd Family Court has an opening for a Law Clerk. Duties include, but are not limited to: performing legal research and record analysis pertaining to cases before the court. Assists the court with motion hour, editing and release of opinions and advise court of current changes in the law. Applicants are preferred to be a graduate of an accredited law school and a member of the KBA or be taking every reasonable step to gain admission. Beginning salary is \$23,628 per year, with full state benefits. Deadline for receiving applications is March 18, 2000. Send resumé to:

Floyd Family Court  
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
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## CRITICAL CARE NURSE MANAGER POSITION

Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Ky., has a full-time opening for a Critical Care Nurse Manager to manage a six-bed critical care unit.

Candidates that have a minimum of 2 to 3 years management experience in addition to critical care experience, with a bachelor's degree in nursing are preferred. ADN candidates that have 5 or more years of critical care management experience will also be considered. In addition to management skills, interpersonal skills are essential.

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 Competitive pay with bonus. Full medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage. Life insurance, employee disability coverage, vacation and holiday package, 401K plan with company match, and pension plan.  
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**BUSINESS-COMMUNITY LEADER FOR LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (LPC)**  
 The Floyd County Board of Education is accepting nominations for business-community leader (1) to serve on the Floyd County Local Planning Committee (LPC) until Friday, March 10, 2000. Members of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) will be responsible for the development of a Master Educational Facility Plan and District Facility Plan for Floyd County that will assist in determining future school facility construction, and major renovation priorities.  
 The Floyd County School Board will select one (1) member from nominations received to serve on the Local Planning Committee (LPC).  
 Please submit nominations, including a letter of agreement to serve on the Local Planning Committee to: L.P.C. Search, Floyd County Board of Education, 183 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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